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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSIONS  
2                   HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009 ON PAGE 91]  
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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. CALL THE MEETING  
7   TO ORDER. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION TODAY BY THE  
8   REVEREND NIRVANA REGINALD GAYLE, CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE  
9   HERE IN LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWED BY OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,  
10  MARIO PENALBAR, ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST NUMBER 241, BALDWIN PARK,  
11  THE AMERICAN LEGION.  
12

13 **REV. NIRVANA REGINALD GAYLE:** SO GREAT SPIRIT ALMIGHTY, I AM  
14 DEEPLY AND PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR THIS GATHERING OF KINDRED  
15 SPIRITS HERE TO BE ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF STEWARDING OVER THE  
16 GREAT NEEDS OF THIS WONDERFUL POPULACE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
17 I KNOW THAT THE BUSINESS THAT IS HANDLED HERE TODAY IS  
18 DIVINELY GUIDED, GOVERNED AND DIRECTED BY THE LIVING SPIRIT OF  
19 THE LIVING GOD AND THAT EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS ARE OPEN AND  
20 RECEPTIVE TO BEING THAT WHICH TAKES CARE OF THE BUSINESS THAT  
21 NEEDS TO BE HANDLED IN A FASHION THAT SERVES THE GREAT NEEDS  
22 OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. I TRULY BLESS THESE PROCEEDINGS,  
23 KNOWING THAT IT IS ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS AND THAT GOD'S  
24 BUSINESS IS GOOD AND THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US CAN REST IN  
25 THE FULL AWARENESS THAT DIVINE RIGHT DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE,



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1 DIVINE RIGHT GUIDANCE IS TAKING PLACE. CLARITY, WISDOM, PEACE  
2 OF MIND IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY, AND SERVICE IS RENDERED IN A  
3 FASHION THAT SERVES THE GREAT NEEDS OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF  
4 US. IT IS INDEED FOR ALL OF THIS AND SO MUCH MORE THAN EYES  
5 CAN SEE OR EARS CAN HEAR OR WORDS CAN EVEN BEGIN TO CONVEY  
6 THAT I AM DEEPLY AND PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL AS I LOVINGLY LET IT  
7 BE AND SO IT IS, AMEN.

8

9 **MARIO PENALBAR:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN  
10 ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
11 RECITED.]

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13 **MARIO PENALBAR:** THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL BE DOWN  
16 HERE IN JUST A SECOND. OKAY, AS SOON AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
17 THOMAS WILL INTERRUPT AND DO THE PROGRAM. IN THE MEANTIME,  
18 LET'S GO TO THE AGENDA.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF  
21 THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,  
22 PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 20TH,  
24 2009.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
4    DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NO. 2-  
5    D, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
6    THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

7

8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 1-D AND 3-D ARE BEFORE YOU.

11

12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE  
13   CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
16   HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM NUMBER 1-H,  
17   THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
18   ITEM.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 2-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
25   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.  
3 ON ITEM NO. 10, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
4 TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT  
12 OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEM  
15 12 THROUGH 29. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR  
16 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM  
17 BE HELD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 13, AS INDICATED ON THE  
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
23 BE REFERRED BACK TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 14, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 15, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED:

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT NUMBER?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 16.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
22 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 26, AS INDICATED ON THE  
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS  
3 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S 26?

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE IS REQUESTS FROM  
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
17 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
21 SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 16, ORDINANCES FOR  
24 INTRODUCTION. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE  
25 RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 30, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6,



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1 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE  
2 ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS  
3 AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO  
4 IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION STUDIES. AND ON THIS  
5 ITEM, THERE IS REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
6 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 31, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2,  
7 ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO INCREASE THE  
8 DOLLAR LIMIT OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
9 OFFICER AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE REAL  
10 PROPERTY AND ESTABLISH TERMINATION DATE FOR THAT DELEGATION.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON ITEM 31, THEN MOVED BY THE  
13 CHAIR, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
14 SO ORDERED. WE'LL STOP RIGHT THERE AND ALLOW SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS TO THANK OUR PASTOR TODAY.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN,  
18 COLLEAGUES, I AM PLEASED THAT WE HAVE WITH US THE REVEREND  
19 NIRVANA REGINALD GAYLE, CHIEF MINISTER AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR  
20 FOR THE GUIDANCE CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE IN LOS ANGELES.  
21 IT'S WORTH YOUR KNOWING THAT HE SERVES AS CO-CHAIR OF THE  
22 INTEGRATION TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF UNITED AND  
23 INTERNATIONAL CENTERS FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING, AS ONE  
24 ORGANIZATION BRINGING BACK TOGETHER TWO MAJOR RELIGIOUS  
25 SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS THEMSELVES. HE HAS BEEN INDUCTED TO THE



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1 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOARD OF PREACHERS AT THE MOREHOUSE  
2 COLLEGE. HE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF ADVISORS FOR PEACE FOR  
3 KIDS, A CHILD ADVOCACY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION. HE IS AN  
4 AUTHOR, SINGER, PERCUSSIONIST, POET AND SONGWRITER. THE  
5 REVEREND GAYLE HAS BEEN A PRACTITIONER SINCE 1980 AND A  
6 MINISTER SINCE 1995. HE AND HIS WIFE, DEBRA, HAVE BEEN MARRIED  
7 FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN AND ONE GRANDSON.  
8 LET'S WELCOME AGAIN THE REVEREND NIRVANA REGINALD GAYLE WITH  
9 THANKS FOR HIS INVOCATION THIS MORNING. (APPLAUSE)

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL GO BACK TO THE AGENDA THEN,  
12 PLEASE.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 17, DISCUSSION ITEM. ITEM NO.  
15 32, WE'LL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 18, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE  
20 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
21 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 33-A.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 33-A, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
24 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO  
25 ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 20, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION ON  
3 ITEM CS-1 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE ACTING  
4 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK  
5 TO OCTOBER 20TH, 2009.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
10 AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
11 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS LITTLE CINDY LOU, WHO IS A 12-WEEK  
14 OLD DOMESTIC SHORTHAIK MIX. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE CAME  
15 INTO THE BALDWIN PARK SHELTER ON AUGUST 24TH. HOW ARE YOU? AND  
16 SHE WAS AN UNWEANED STRAY, WEIGHING ABOUT 9 OUNCES AT THE  
17 TIME, AND WAS UNABLE TO SURVIVE ON HER OWN. AND THANKS TO THE  
18 COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, WE HAVE A  
19 NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER FOSTER, LET'S SAY LITTLE PARENTS FOR OUR -  
20 - OOP. LITTLE CAMERA SHY. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
21 LISTENING, THESE VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD WHO ARE UNABLE TO  
22 HELP THESE ANIMALS WHO ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES ON  
23 A 24-HOUR, SEVEN DAY A WEEK BASIS. AND LITTLE CINDY'S FOSTER  
24 PARENT WAS ABLE TO HELP FOSTER THIS LITTLE KITTY BACK TO  
25 HEALTH. AND TODAY, SHE WEIGHS THREE POUNDS AND SHE'S VERY



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1 PLAYFUL. AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE'S ALSO AN ACROBAT. SHE'S GREAT  
2 WITH OTHER ANIMALS AND HAS BEEN IN A HOME WITH LARGE DOGS. SO  
3 SHE GETS ALONG ALSO WITH DOGS. AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.  
4 SO ANYBODY WHO IS WATCHING CAN ADOPT HER BY CALLING 562-728-  
5 4644. AND IF ANYBODY IS WATCHING WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A FOSTER  
6 PARENT FOR THESE ANIMALS WHO COME IN AND NEED HELP, THESE  
7 STRAYS, YOU CAN ALSO CALL 562-728-4644 AND ALSO BECOME ONE OF  
8 THE VOLUNTEERS AT OUR SHELTER. AND THIS LITTLE KITTY CAN BE  
9 YOURS OR THERE'S OTHERS THAT YOU CAN HELP NURTURE. HI, OKAY?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
12 PRESENTATIONS, SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
15 COLLEAGUES, I'M PLEASED TO CALL FORTH ELIZABETH PFROMM,  
16 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC,  
17 AS WELL AS BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FOR THE CHILD GUIDANCE  
18 CLINIC, AS WELL AS DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
20 IT WAS IN OCTOBER OF 1989 THAT THE LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE  
21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTED ELIZABETH, OFTEN KNOWN AS BETSY  
22 PFROMM, TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION EXPAND AND TRANSFORM THEIR  
23 SERVICES TO MEET NEW NEEDS. AND THAT SHE HAS DONE AND HAS DONE  
24 IT IN AN EXEMPLARY WAY. PRIOR TO HER APPOINTMENT AT THE CHILD  
25 GUIDANCE CLINIC, BETSY EARNED HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM



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1 THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND HER MASTER'S DEGREE FROM  
2 HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY. SHE LED THE  
3 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITH THE BOARD AND STAFF TO RAISE PRIVATE  
4 FUNDS WHICH EXPANDED THE CLINIC'S SERVICES TO A TOTAL OF THREE  
5 LOCATIONS, ALLOWING THEM TO ASSIST SOME 5,000 FAMILIES ON AN  
6 ANNUAL BASIS. HER LEADERSHIP HAS EARNED THE ORGANIZATION  
7 SEVERAL AWARDS, INCLUDING THE ADVANCING MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH  
8 REWARD FROM THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
9 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AWARD FOR  
10 EXCELLENCE. BETSY HAS ALSO PLAYED A LEADERSHIP ROLE AT THE  
11 COUNTY AND STATE LEVEL IN ENSURING THAT RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS  
12 FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION. IN ADDITION TO HER  
13 ROLE AT THE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, SHE SERVES ON SEVERAL  
14 BOARDS: THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION HERE IN THE STATE OF  
15 CALIFORNIA, THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
16 AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA COUNSEL OF  
17 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES, AND MUCH MORE, MOST NOTABLY,  
18 THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, OF WHICH WE ARE VERY PROUD. SHE IS  
19 ONE OF SIX INDIVIDUALS WHO HAS BEEN NATIONALLY OR WILL BE  
20 NATIONALLY HONORED NEXT MONTH BY THE NATIONAL PUBLICATION  
21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHAMPION. SO WE WANT  
22 TO THANK HER FOR HER 20 PLUS YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN MENTAL  
23 HEALTH SERVICES AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
24 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO BENEFIT FROM THE MISSION OF  
25 THE LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC. SHE IS A SPECIAL





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1 PERSON. SHE'S AN EXEMPLARY LEADER AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
2 TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION WITH HONOR TO THE ONE AND ONLY  
3 ELIZABETH BETSY PFROMM. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BETSY, HAVE A WORD.

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7 **ELIZABETH PFROMM:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AFTER 40  
8 YEARS OF A CAREER, I'M NOW USING THOSE CHEATING GLASSES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE NEED THEM.

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12 **ELIZABETH PFROMM:** EXACTLY. I AM TRULY HONORED TO BE  
13 ACKNOWLEDGED FOR MY 20 YEARS AT THE LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE  
14 CLINIC. IT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO HEAD AN ORGANIZATION OF  
15 EXCELLENCE AND TO BE ABLE TO MELD MY WORK-A-DAY WORLD WITH MY  
16 LIFE'S PASSION: TO HELP SERIOUSLY, EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED  
17 CHILDREN TO ATTAIN THEIR PERSONAL GOALS AND TO BE FULLY  
18 INCLUDED IN OUR SOCIETY. THE CLINIC'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
19 HAVE MADE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF TENS OF  
20 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SINCE 1924. THE MOST  
21 GRATIFYING PART OF MY DAY IS HEARING FROM A CONSUMER ABOUT THE  
22 SERVICES HE HAS RECEIVED AND THE OBSTACLES THAT HAVE BEEN  
23 REMOVED, HELPING THEM TO ENTER COLLEGE, INCLUDING OUR OWN  
24 U.S.C., ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GOING TO TRADE TECH, OR  
25 BEING GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. ONE LESSON I HAVE LEARNED WELL IN



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1 PARTNERSHIP WITH MY SUPERVISOR FRIEND HERE, MARK RIDLEY-  
2 THOMAS, IS THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS A MAJOR MEANS FOR  
3 IMPROVING THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF COMMUNITY  
4 RESIDENTS. IF POVERTY WERE REMOVED FROM THE EQUATION, HALF OF  
5 THE CHILDREN THAT WE SEE AT THE LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE  
6 CLINIC WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ENROLLED. SO IF YOU THINK ABOUT  
7 5,000 CHILDREN SERVED ANNUALLY, IF YOU THINK ABOUT ADDRESSING  
8 THE SERIOUS ISSUE AND THE WEIGHTY ISSUE OF POVERTY AND ISSUES  
9 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HUGE COST SAVINGS TO OUR SOCIETY  
10 WELL-RECOGNIZED BY MY SUPERVISOR. I GUESS THAT'S A BIT OF A  
11 WAY OF SAYING YOU COULD PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS. BUT I DON'T  
12 THINK THAT WOULD BE A BAD THING TO ACCOMPLISH IF WE WERE TO BE  
13 ABLE TO ADDRESS THESE KINDS OF ISSUES. MY SPECIAL THANKS TO MY  
14 VISIONARY AND HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE BOARD, JOINED BY ME BEHIND,  
15 AND I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SEVERAL OF THEM ARE SEATED  
16 AND WITH US TODAY. TO DR. MARVIN SOUTHWARD, WHO HEADS THE  
17 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, FOR HIS COMPASSIONATE  
18 LEADERSHIP, HIS COMMITMENT TO CONSUMER-DRIVEN SERVICES AND  
19 LEADING-EDGE TRANSFORMATIONAL SERVICES; BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY  
20 TO MY DEDICATED STAFF, WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A  
21 CHILD EVERY SINGLE DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. I  
22 FEEL SO PRIVILEGED TO DO THE WORK THAT I DO AND TO BE  
23 AFFILIATED WITH THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH ON A DAILY BASIS.  
24 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE  
2    ANOTHER PRESENTATION, IS THAT CORRECT?

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4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR YOUR  
5    GUIDANCE. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES HAS DISTINGUISHED  
6    ITSELF ONCE AGAIN. AND THEREFORE WE WANT TO ASK THE  
7    REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND PARTICULARLY THE CHIEF  
8    EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AS WELL AS S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, THE COALITION  
9    OF COUNTY UNIONS, AND BUCK CONSULTANTS TO COME FORWARD SO THAT  
10   WE CAN MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
11   RESOURCES WORKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY UNIONS AND  
12   BUCK CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP AN ANNUAL BENEFITS ENROLLMENT  
13   CAMPAIGN, WHICH WON TWO PLATINUM AWARDS. THIS IS TO BE  
14   ACKNOWLEDGED. IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR CREATIVE  
15   PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THE CONCEPT, WRITING AND DESIGN OF  
16   TRADITIONAL AND EMERGING MEDIA. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT  
17   SIGNIFIES EXCELLENCE IN TERMS OF QUALITY, CREATIVITY AND  
18   RESOURCEFULNESS. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE 2009 ANNUAL  
19   ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN DISTINGUISHED THE TEAM AS ONE OF, IN ONLY  
20   17 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE ENTRIES TO RECEIVE THE PLATINUM AWARD,  
21   THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND BUCK CONSULTANTS TEAM WON  
22   PLATINUM AWARDS IN BOTH THE GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PUBLICATION  
23   BENEFITS CATEGORIES. IN HONOR OF THE QUALITY WORK PRODUCED BY  
24   THIS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BUCK  
25   CONSULTANTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, S.E.I.U. LOCAL



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1 721, AND THE COALITION OF COUNTY UNIONS, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF  
2 US, WE WISH TO COMMEND YOU FOR THIS WORK IN DISTINGUISHING  
3 YOURSELVES AND BY EXTENSION, THEN, DISTINGUISHING THE COUNTY  
4 OF LOS ANGELES. WE APPLAUD CREATIVITY. WE APPLAUD  
5 RESOURCEFULNESS. AND WE APPLAUD EXCELLENCE. IT'S WITH THAT IN  
6 MIND THAT WE WANT TO MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS. WE BEGIN WITH  
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND SAY CONGRATULATIONS  
8 ONCE AGAIN ON BEING A PLATINUM WINNER. [APPLAUSE.] HOW ABOUT  
9 ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE? WHO COMES FORWARD?  
10 [APPLAUSE.] S.E.I.U. 721 IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE.] BUCK  
11 CONSULTANTS. [APPLAUSE.] COALITION OF COUNTY UNIONS.  
12 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL HEAR FROM LISA GARRETT  
13 AT THIS POINT IN TIME ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE  
14 DELEGATION WITH OUR APPRECIATION.

15

16 **LISA GARRETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'M GOING TO HAVE MY  
17 CHEATERS ON, AS WELL. ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, I'D LIKE TO  
18 THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O.  
19 FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN RECOGNIZING D.H.R., S.E.I.U., THE  
20 COALITION OF COUNTY UNIONS AND OF COURSE, BUCK CONSULTANTS FOR  
21 THE RECEIVING THE INTERNATIONAL HERMES CREATIVE AWARD FOR OUR  
22 2009 ANNUAL BENEFITS ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN. AS THE SUPERVISOR  
23 SAID, THERE WERE SEVERAL ENTRIES. THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF  
24 ENTRIES, REALLY. AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY TOOK THE PLATINUM. SO  
25 WE HAVE ON STAGE HERE MARION HALL AND ALIAS CARILLO OF D.H.R.,



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1 DON WASHINGTON OF THE C.E.O., HAROLD STERKER, CHAIR OF BACK.  
2 LINDA DENN, I DON'T THINK SHE'S HERE TODAY. BUT BLAINE MEEK OF  
3 THE COALITION OF COUNTY UNIONS AND CHAIR OF EBACK. SHAWN  
4 MILNER OF CAPE, TERESA LOPEZ OF ALADS, AND BEN KEMPER FROM  
5 BUCK CONSULTANTS. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ALSO SAY THANK  
6 YOU TO THOSE IN OUR AUDIENCE FROM D.H.R., S.E.I.U., THE  
7 COALITION AND BUCK THAT WERE ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THIS  
8 CAMPAIGN A HUGE SUCCESS. PLEASE STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED.  
9 [APPLAUSE.] THIS BOARD APPROVED THE CONTRACT WITH BUCK  
10 CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COMMUNICATION  
11 MATERIALS FOR THE FOUR-COUNTY CAFETERIA PLANS. AND BUCK WENT  
12 TO WORK HOLDING FOCUS GROUPS WITH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES COUNTY-  
13 WIDE AND GETTING THE NECESSARY INPUT AND FEEDBACK TO DEVELOP  
14 THE MATERIALS. D.H.R. LED THE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT TEAMS IN A  
15 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY UNIONS. AND TOGETHER  
16 WITH BUCK, WE PRODUCED CREATIVE, INFORMATIVE, PLAIN LANGUAGE  
17 AND EASY-TO-READ AWARD-WINNING PACKAGES FOR ALL. I'D SAY THIS  
18 IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT  
19 REAPED GREAT BENEFITS FOR THE COUNTY FAMILY. THE THEME FOR THE  
20 ENROLLMENT PERIOD WAS THEN AND IT CONTINUES TO BE TODAY AND IT  
21 RINGS TRUE: COLLECTIVELY, WE ARE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO IT'S  
22 MY HOPE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE THE SAME TIME NEXT YEAR  
23 FOR OUR 2010 ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN. AND YOU HAVE TO CHECK IT OUT  
24 ONLINE, [WWW.MYLACOUNTYBENEFITSGOV](http://WWW.MYLACOUNTYBENEFITSGOV). FINALLY WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
25 THE BOARD, THE C.E.O., AND ALL OF OUR PARTNERS ON STAGE AND IN



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1 THE AUDIENCE TODAY FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DILIGENCE IN  
2 CREATING AN AWARD-WINNING BENEFITS CAMPAIGN FOR LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND I HAVE TO SAY THIS ONE'S FOR YOU.  
4 [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? MEMBERS'  
7 REQUEST, I'M GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING OUT OF ORDER. YOU WANTED  
8 ITEM 27 CALLED UP? WE'RE THROUGH WITH PRESENTATIONS, SO WE'LL  
9 CALL UP ITEM NO. 27.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS ON THIS ITEM  
12 FIRST?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF WE CAN HAVE THE DEPARTMENTAL  
15 PRESENTATION AND THEN WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE  
16 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

17

18 **MARIA MASSISE:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS  
19 MARIA MASSISE, AND I'M A SUPERVISING PLANNER WITH THE  
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AND TO MY RIGHT IS MR.  
21 KOLONDOSKY, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ON MAY 6TH,  
22 2009, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT A SECOND-  
23 TIME EXTENSION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 01-198 IN THE FIRST  
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WHICH IS A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN  
25 INDUSTRIAL PARK LOCATED AT THE 2300 BLOCK OF PECK ROAD IN THE





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1 WORKMAN MILLS ZONED DISTRICT WAS ERRONEOUSLY GRANTED. THE  
2 COMMISSION DID, HOWEVER, GRANT THE PERMITTEE A 60-DAY GRACE  
3 PERIOD IN WHICH TO ESTABLISH USE OF THE PERMIT. THIS DECISION  
4 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED AND IS NOW BEFORE YOUR BOARD. AT ITS  
5 MAY 6TH, 2009 MEETING, THE COMMISSION HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE  
6 PERMITTEE'S REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND  
7 DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON SITE TO DATE AND THE  
8 PERMITTEE'S RELIANCE ON THE SECOND EXTENSION. THE COMMISSION  
9 ALSO HEARD TESTIMONY REGARDING NEIGHBORS-- FROM NEIGHBORS  
10 OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD UPHOLD  
11 THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND FIND THAT  
12 THE SECOND-TIME EXTENSION WAS ERRONEOUSLY GRANTED. HOWEVER, TO  
13 BALANCE THE EQUITIES OF THE SITUATION, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT  
14 THE BOARD ALSO ALLOW THE PERMITTEE A REASONABLE PERIOD OF  
15 TIME, SUCH AS 60 DAYS, IN WHICH TO USE THE CONDITIONAL USE  
16 PERMIT PRIOR TO THE PERMIT EXPIRING FOR NONUSE PURSUANT TO THE  
17 COUNTY CODE SECTION 2256-140. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

18  
19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING-- AND I'M ASKING  
20 THE QUESTION, I WANTED TO HAVE BEFORE THE PUBLIC SPEAKS, I  
21 WANTED TO HAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS OUR PUBLIC  
22 HEALTH PEOPLE AND OUR PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE TO COME UP AND JOIN  
23 US BECAUSE I HAD SOME QUESTIONS.

24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRE REPRESENTATIVES AND PUBLIC WORKS?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND PUBLIC HEALTH. PUBLIC HEALTH IS  
5 HERE. PUBLIC WORKS IS HERE. SO WE NEED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE  
6 NEED SOMEBODY FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE? MAYBE THEY'RE IN  
7 THE BACK?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD WE HAVE THE APPELLANTS SPEAK FIRST AND THEN  
10 I'LL HAVE THE OTHERS SPEAK. AND THEN HOPEFULLY, WE'LL GET THE  
11 FIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WOULD BE CHARLES DONNETT PLEASE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK SO.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL CALL UP CARL RUBEN AND ART  
18 NEGRETE. IF YOU WILL GO AHEAD, PLEASE, IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND  
19 YOUR TESTIMONY.

20

21 **CARL RUBEN:** MY NAME IS CARL RUBEN.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

24

25 **CARL RUBEN:** I LIVE AT 2259 KELLA AVENUE, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. GO AHEAD AND BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY,  
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **CARL RUBEN:** OKAY. THIS WAS AN-- WE ARE OPPOSING, THIS ONE'S AN  
6 ILLEGAL EXTENSION GRANTED BEYOND THE TIME LIMIT. WE APPEALED  
7 THAT EXTENSION AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION WAS TO  
8 GRANT ANOTHER EXTENSION, WHETHER YOU GRANT A ONE-DAY, A 60-  
9 DAY, OR A ONE YEAR, IT IS STILL AN ADDITIONAL ILLEGAL  
10 EXTENSION. THEY ALSO SET CRITERIA THAT DETERMINED WHEN THE  
11 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BECAME CONSIDERED USED. THAT'S WITHOUT  
12 AUTHORITY. THAT'S DEFINED ALSO IN L.A. COUNTY CODE  
13 2256.140(B). THE C.U.P. WAS ALLOWED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE, THAT  
14 WAS EVEN WITHOUT THE REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT. THERE WAS A REQUIRED  
15 AFFIDAVIT THAT HAD TO BE BOTH SIGNED AND GIVEN TO PLANNING AND  
16 RECORDED WITH THE COUNTY RECORDER. NEITHER ONE OF THEM HAVE  
17 THAT AFFIDAVIT, AND CONDITION 3 STATES THAT THE C.U.P. NEVER  
18 BECOMES EFFECTIVE WITHOUT THAT AFFIDAVIT. ONE OF THE KEYS TO  
19 THAT AFFIDAVIT IS, IT SAYS THAT THE DEVELOPER UNDERSTANDS AND  
20 AGREES TO ALL OF THE CONDITIONS. ONE OF THE CONDITIONS,  
21 CONDITION 6, STATES THAT YOU CLEARLY ONLY GET A ONE-YEAR  
22 EXTENSION. IN THIS EVENT, BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE DEVELOPER  
23 HAVE MADE A LOT OF BAD ACTS. AND THE DETERMINATION BY  
24 PLANNING, INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR WRONG  
25 DOINGS, THE RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE ABIDED BY THE LAW ALL THE TIME



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1 THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS, ARE THE ONES THAT THEY PUT THE  
2 BURDEN ON. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE RESIDENTS SHOULD BE THE ONES  
3 THAT TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY. IN YOUR CORE VALUES, YOU SAY  
4 THAT ACCOUNTABILITY, WE ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
5 DECISIONS WE MAKE AND THE ACTIONS WE TAKE. YOU HAVEN'T DONE  
6 THAT TO THIS POINT. TIME LIMITS. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IN  
7 PERMITS, ALL OF YOUR PERMITS, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT TIME LIMITS  
8 ARE A RANDOM THING? OR DO YOU BELIEVE THAT WHEN THOSE TIME  
9 LIMITS WERE DETERMINED, THAT PEOPLE WITH EXPERTISE IN ALL OF  
10 THE FIELDS GOT TOGETHER AND DETERMINED THAT AFTER A CERTAIN  
11 PERIOD OF TIME, THINGS HAVE CHANGED ENOUGH THAT ANOTHER LOOK  
12 NEEDED TO BE TAKEN AT THE ISSUE. THE ORIGINAL STUDIES FOR THIS  
13 PROJECT DATE BACK TO 2001 AND 2002 AND ARE OUT OF DATE. THE  
14 TRAFFIC ISSUES WERE LISTED IN THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
15 DECLARATION. THERE WAS A LETTER REQUIRING CERTAIN THINGS TO BE  
16 DONE. THAT WAS NOT IN THE FINAL CONDITIONS. THE LETTER,  
17 NEITHER PLANNING HAD IT NOR DID THE DEPARTMENT THAT WROTE IT.  
18 WE HAD A COPY OF IT AND WE PRODUCED THE CURRENT-- THE  
19 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ALSO INCLUDED FOR NOISE, AN  
20 ISSUE FOR NOISE. WE LIVE IN A SPECIAL EQUESTRIAN DISTRICT, SO  
21 IT'S EVEN MORE SENSITIVE. IN THEIR LETTER, THEY STATED DUE TO  
22 THE EQUESTRIAN DISTRICT, THAT THERE COULD BE NO OPENINGS  
23 ANYWHERE IN ANY OF THE WALLS, THAT EVERYTHING HAD TO BE  
24 CLOSED. THE CONCERN WAS RIDERS ON THE TRAIL. IT'S A STEEP  
25 LEVEE. THE HORSE SPOOKS AND YOU COULD SEVERELY HURT A PERSON



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1 OR KILL THEM. SAME IN THE RESIDENCE. SO IN THERE, THEY  
2 ADDRESSED THAT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW AN ANIMAL, HOW A HORSE IS  
3 GOING TO RESPOND, THEY'RE INDIVIDUALS AND THEY DON'T KNOW HOW  
4 THEY'LL RESPOND, AND SO THESE PRECAUTIONS HAVE TO BE TAKEN.  
5 CURRENTLY, ANY NEW LETTERS OR STUDIES COME OUT, AND THEY KNOW  
6 ANY DIFFERENT SINCE THEN, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PUBLISHED  
7 STUDY OF HOW EQUESTRIANS RESPOND TO IMPULSE NOISES.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE? START SUMMARIZING,  
10 PLEASE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GAVE THE TWO OF YOU A TOTAL OF 10  
13 MINUTES. I KNOW THERE WAS SOME COOPERATION. WE APPRECIATE  
14 THAT.

15

16 **CARL RUBEN:** OKAY. THERE WAS ALSO FIRE ISSUES. MITIGATION MUST  
17 BE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN REQUIREMENTS, OKAY. THE  
18 TURNAROUND, THE FIRE TURNAROUND IS REQUIRED TO BE 96 FEET.  
19 IT'S 84 FEET. THE SECOND FIRE ACCESS LANE NEEDS TO TURN  
20 AROUND. IT GOES THROUGH A GATE, WHICH THEN GOES INTO A PRIVATE  
21 PROPERTY BELONGING TO A HEAVY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WHICH THEN  
22 GOES INTO THE STREET. YOU HAVE NO CLEAR ACCESS THROUGH THAT  
23 PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NO GUARANTEE OF ACCESS. THAT ESSENTIALLY  
24 IS A DEAD END FIRE LANE. YOU DON'T HAVE FULL ACCESSIBILITY IN  
25 4. YOU HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE BACK OF BUILDING 3. THE



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1 MITIGATED REQUIREMENTS ON THE BUILDING CALLED FOR TWO FIRE  
2 HYDRANTS AND A SPRINKLER. AND THEY REQUIRE THE FIRE HYDRANTS  
3 TO BE 50 FEET FROM THE DRIP LINE OF THE HIGH TENSION LINES  
4 BECAUSE THERE'S MULTI-TENSION LINES AND THE SPRINKLER HOOKUP  
5 SHOULD BE 50 FEET. FIRE REGULATION 27, JUST FOR REFERENCE,  
6 ALSO REQUIRES A FIRE LANE TO BE 50 FEET FROM THE DRIP LINE.  
7 THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING REQUIRES A USE OF TOWER TRUCKS.  
8 THEY ALLOW THE FIRE LANE TO BE ON THE DRIP LINE, VIRTUALLY ON  
9 THE DRIP LINE. HOW COULD IT BE THAT IT'S SAFE TO BE ON THE  
10 DRIP LINE IN A TOWER TRUCK ELEVATED UNDERNEATH HIGH TENSION  
11 LANES WHEN FOR EVERY OTHER PURPOSE, A FIREFIGHTER HAS GOT TO  
12 BE 50 FEET BACK?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST SO YOU KNOW, YOU'RE INTO HIS TIME.  
15 I WAS TRYING TO GIVE YOU FIVE MINUTES EACH.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE TRYING TO GET YOU TO SUMMARIZE, SIR,  
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **CARL RUBEN:** OKAY. IN SUMMARY, BASICALLY THERE ARE TWO CRITICAL  
21 VIOLATIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE. THERE'S A MISSING  
22 CRITICAL AFFIDAVIT. THERE'S MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF THE FINAL  
23 CONDITIONS. MISSING CRITICAL DOCUMENTS FROM PUBLIC WORKS,  
24 VIOLATIONS IN THAT. ANOTHER MISSING CRITICAL DOCUMENT FROM  
25 HEALTH AND SAFETY. QUESTIONABLE ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO FIRE





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1 REGULATIONS. VIOLATIONS OF STATE FIRE CODE. STUDIES TO PROTECT  
2 THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC ARE EIGHT YEARS OLD. WE  
3 BELIEVE THE EQUITABLE RESOLUTION TO THIS IS TO APPLY THE LAW,  
4 WHICH WOULD NOT ALLOW THE EXTENSION, WOULD THEN ALLOW THE  
5 DEVELOPER TO RE-APPLY FOR A C.U.P. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR  
6 ANYTHING SPECIAL. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR WORKAROUND FOR  
7 ANYTHING. WE ARE SIMPLY ASKING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. WE  
8 HAVE COMPLIED WITH IT ALL THE WAY, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE  
9 ASKING FOR HERE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

16

17 **ART NEGRETE:** MY NAME IS ART NEGRETE, I RESIDE AT 2209 MARDELL.  
18 I'LL KEEP IT BRIEF. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS'  
19 ASSOCIATION THERE. WE HAVE 187 HOMES, OF WHICH 80 PERCENT ARE  
20 HOMEOWNERS, AND THERE'S ABOUT FOUR HORSES PER PROPERTY. WE'RE  
21 UNIQUE IN THE WAY THAT WE ARE ALLOWED THE MOST HORSES PER  
22 ACTUAL SQUARE FOOTAGE, AND WE'RE VERY UNIQUE BECAUSE WE ONLY  
23 HAVE ONE WAY IN AND ONE WAY OUT. OUR CONCERN IS THAT WE'RE NOT  
24 BEING AFFORDED THE RIGHT TO A NEW STUDY ON THE EFFECT TO US.  
25 THERE'S AN EIGHT-YEAR OLD STUDY THAT HAS BEEN OUTDATED. SINCE



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1 THEN WE HAVE NEW BUSINESSES ALONG DURPHEE. THE COLLEGE IS  
2 UPGRADED. THE SPORTS ARENA HAS GOTTEN REALLY, REALLY BUSY NOW.  
3 AND WE HAVE ONLY ONE WAY IN AND ONE WAY OUT. AND THERE IS NO  
4 MITIGATION ON TRAFFIC FOR OUR LITTLE AREA. AND ALSO, THE  
5 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR EQUESTRIANS. WE HAVE ALL THESE HORSES  
6 GOING THROUGH THAT LITTLE, LITTLE RIVER ENTRANCE, AND ALL THIS  
7 NOISE AFFECTS THEM. SO WE JUST EXPECT FOR EVERYONE TO COMPLY  
8 TO THE LAW ON THE BOOKS. IF WE COULD DO IT, WHY CAN'T THE BIG  
9 DEVELOPERS DO IT? THE EFFECT ON US IS INCREASED NOISE ALONG  
10 THE TRAIL. THE TRAFFIC, AS I SAID. AND ALSO THE FIREMEN'S  
11 SAFETY DUE TO INADEQUATE ACCESS. IN SUMMARY, THE FIRE CHIEF  
12 MAY BE ABLE TO MITIGATE FOR HIS FIREMEN THEIR SAFETY OVER  
13 PROPERTY CONSTRUCTION, BUT ME AS A PRESIDENT OF OUR LITTLE  
14 VILLAGE, WE HAVE CHILDREN ON THOSE HORSES, SENIOR CITIZENS ON  
15 THOSE HORSES. I AM NOT AFFORDED THE LUXURY TO SAY TO BUILD  
16 THIS, WE COULD SACRIFICE SOMEONE'S SAFETY. NOW, THIS PROJECT  
17 DOES NOTHING TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT HAS  
18 OF VALUE TO THE L.A. COUNTY AS FAR AS REVENUE TO OUTWEIGH THE  
19 SAFETY CONCERN TO US. AND ALL, KEEPING IT SHORT, THE DEVELOPER  
20 IS TRYING TO SQUEEZE IN 10 POUNDS IN A 5-POUND BAG. PLAIN AND  
21 SIMPLE, THE BUILDINGS DON'T, FIT, YOU'VE GOT TO RESUBMIT.  
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER  
25 SPEAKERS, BUT NOT FROM THE APPELLANT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I

3 THINK I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. FIRST OF ALL, THESE RESIDENTS

4 HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THEIR

5 COMMUNITY FOR A WHILE. AND STOP ME IF I'M GOING IN THE WRONG

6 DIRECTION WHERE I'M CREATING MORE OF A PROBLEM FOR OUR LAWYERS

7 AND OUR LEGAL PEOPLE. I'M CONCERNED HERE BECAUSE THIS IS

8 SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE WATCHING. AND VERY FRANKLY, IF IT

9 WEREN'T FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, OUR FOLKS ARE NOT

10 FOLLOWING UP IN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS WITH THE KIND OF

11 ACCOUNTABILITY. WHEN WE PUT MITIGATIONS IN PLACE, THE

12 ASSUMPTION BY RESIDENTS AND MYSELF AND OTHERS IS THAT THOSE

13 MITIGATIONS ARE GOING TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BEFORE ANY

14 APPROVAL IS PUT IN PLACE. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS IS THAT WE'VE

15 HAD SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT EXERCISED THE C.U.P. OVER THAT PERIOD

16 OF TIME IN WHICH THOSE MITIGATIONS WERE TO BE PUT IN PLACE AND

17 HAS BEEN ASKING FOR EXTENSIONS. AND WHILE EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN

18 GRANTED, WE ARE FINDING THAT LEGALLY HE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN

19 GRANTED THE LAST EXTENSION, BUT REGRETFULLY HE WAS. AND SO,

20 CONSEQUENTLY, THAT PUTS US IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION AS FAR AS

21 THE ISSUE BEFORE US. IT WAS MY INTENT, REGRETFULLY, TO HAVE TO

22 APPROVE THIS, AT LEAST EXTENSION SO WE COULD GET-- BUT I

23 WANTED TO GET SOME CLARIFYING QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE

24 MITIGATIONS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT IN PLACE, THE PUBLIC

25 HEALTH THAT HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE, INCLUDING THE WALL, WHY WE



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1 HAVEN'T ASKED THEM TO BUILD THE ENTIRE SOLID WALL AS THE  
2 MITIGATIONS CLAIM, AS THE MITIGATIONS YOU PUT ON THE TABLE, AS  
3 WELL AS PUBLIC WORKS. SO THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES HERE. AND I'M  
4 TROUBLED BY HOW OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE. IN  
5 FACT SO IRRESPONSIBLE THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T EVEN  
6 BOTHER TO SHOW UP TODAY. WE'RE CALLING THEM AND SAYING IT'S  
7 NOT OUR ISSUE, AND YET A MAJOR ISSUE BEFORE US IS THE KIND OF  
8 MITIGATIONS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT IN PLACE. IT'S MY  
9 UNDERSTANDING FOR ALL OF THE HIGH VOLTAGE WIRES THAT ARE THEIR  
10 RESPONSIBILITY. AND WE'RE CALLING THEM NOW. AND IT'S NOT THEIR  
11 INTENT ON SENDING ANYONE OVER AT THIS POINT IN TIME. SO I HAVE  
12 NO CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM. BECAUSE IT'S UNFAIR, THE  
13 RESIDENTS ARE COMING HERE AND THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT FOUND  
14 OUT THAT IT WAS INCORRECTLY ALLOWED TO HAVE AN EXTENSION. I  
15 THINK OUR DEPARTMENTS BETTER GET WITH IT. I RELY ON YOUR  
16 GUIDANCE, YOUR ADVICE. YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF IMPLEMENTING NOT  
17 ONLY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, BUT IT'S ALSO IMPLEMENTING THE  
18 MITIGATIONS. MITIGATIONS ARE WHAT MANY OF THESE RESIDENTS WHO  
19 DON'T WANT THE INITIAL PROJECT IN THE FIRST PLACE MUST LIVE  
20 WITH IF IN FACT THAT PROJECT IS GOING TO GO IN PLACE. SO AT  
21 THIS POINT IN TIME, I APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING GONE THIS FAR, BUT  
22 I JUST CAN'T GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE. AND IT'S UNFAIR TO  
23 THE RESIDENTS TO MOVE FORWARD ON SOMETHING WHEN THEY DON'T  
24 HAVE ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE ANSWERS AS TO WHY THESE  
25 MITIGATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY AND



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1 IMPLEMENTED AND EVEN AN ANSWER AS TO WHO'S ON FIRST? I MEAN IF  
2 IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO DENY AN EXTENSION  
3 AND CERTAIN THINGS HAVE TO BE PUT IN PLACE, IT'S THE  
4 DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS NOT THE RESIDENTS'  
5 RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY THIS OUT. AND IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE  
6 RESIDENTS WHO FOUND OUT THAT WE HAD GIVEN A SECOND EXTENSION  
7 WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS SITUATION  
8 THAT WE'RE IN. SO I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING UP YOUR TIME AND I  
9 APOLOGIZE TO THE RESIDENTS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS ASK FOR A  
10 CONTINUANCE OF THIS UNTIL WE GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE AND  
11 TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE MITIGATIONS THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE  
12 FOR. I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO THE CHIEF AND I THINK THE COUNTY  
13 COUNSEL NEEDS TO HELP ME WITH THIS, AS WELL. THIS IS AN ISSUE  
14 ABOUT INTEGRITY. I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO UPHOLD THE EXTENSION  
15 BECAUSE OF THE INEPTNESS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN GRANTING IT  
16 INITIALLY. BUT I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA THAT WHEN IN FACT YOU  
17 HAVE RESIDENTS HERE THAT HAVE DONE THEIR DUE DILIGENCE AS FAR  
18 AS THIS PROCESS AND OUR DEPARTMENT DOESN'T EVEN BOTHER TO SHOW  
19 UP. I DON'T THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE.

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21 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, JUST TO ADD-- YOU'RE  
22 CORRECT. AND ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE CONDITIONS ARE THE  
23 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS. ONE OF THOSE  
24 MAIN ISSUES THAT WAS AN ISSUE AT THE HEARING WAS A FIRE  
25 DEPARTMENT ISSUE. SO IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE TO



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1 CONTINUE TO GET THE ANSWERS THAT YOU NEED AND THE COMMUNITY  
2 NEEDS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THOSE CONDITIONS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I HAVE THREE OTHER SPEAKERS THAT  
5 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. I ASSUME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE  
6 ISSUE. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WAIT? IT'S GOING TO BE  
7 CONTINUED. DO YOU STILL WANT TO SPEAK?

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9 **SPEAKER:** NO, WE'LL WAIT.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WAIT, OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE WILL CONTINUE THIS FOR A WEEK?

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK, THEN.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE THANK YOU, AND I APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE WILL CONTINUE IT. THANK YOU GENTLEMEN.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WILL BE CONTINUED. OKAY. WE'LL GO BACK,  
24 THEN, TO REGULAR ORDER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. YOU'RE FIRST  
25 UP.





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2     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
3     MEMORY OF FORMER DEPUTY, MY JUSTICE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT CHIEF  
4     OF STAFF, JOE FALLIN, WHO PASSED AWAY. JOE WAS IN MY OFFICE  
5     DURING THE EARLY '80S AND THEN HE WENT TO THE LOS ANGELES  
6     SUPERIOR COURT, WHERE HE WORKED IN THE COURTHOUSE UNTIL HE  
7     RETIRED IN 2001. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, AND THEN MOVED  
8     TO DUARTE. AND HE WAS A GOOD MAN. MANY OF YOU WORKED WITH HIM  
9     ON YOUR STAFFS. ALSO, RAYMOND OSCAR BERGSTROM PASSED AWAY AT  
10    THE AGE OF 93. HE WAS A SPECIALIST IN RADAR SYSTEMS. HE  
11    INVOLVED MANY RADAR SYSTEMS FOR THE GOVERNMENT. HE SERVED AS A  
12    LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE AIR FORCE DURING WORLD WAR II AND  
13    THE KOREAN WAR, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE BRONZE STAR AND HE  
14    WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAN MARINO COMMUNITY CHURCH, WHERE HE WAS  
15    BOTH A DEACON AND AN ELDER, ACTIVE IN THE RESERVE OFFICERS  
16    ASSOCIATION IN THE SAN MARINO CIVIC CLUB. RUBY LERIGER,  
17    RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE WAS AN ARTIST. PLAYED IN THE  
18    SIOUX CITY CONCERT ORCHESTRA, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE  
19    ORCHESTRA. GREGORIO PANCHITO. HE WAS THE FATHER OF EMMA (PANCHITO)  
20    DE JESUS, WHO WORKS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S COMMISSION  
21    SERVICES DIVISION. GREGORIO WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 25  
22    YEARS, RECENTLY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER  
23    AFFAIRS UNDER PASTOR HERRERA. RESIDED IN PASADENA WITH HIS  
24    WIFE, ESTHER. AND HE HAS FIVE CHILDREN, FOUR-STEP CHILDREN.  
25    SHIRLEY ULCH PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 2ND, RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE



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1 VALLEY. SHIRLEY WAS MALE, AND HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AS A  
2 FIGHTER PILOT WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CATERPILLAR  
3 CLUB. WORKED FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS THE ADMINISTRATOR  
4 AND EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR FOR 13 YEARS.  
5 SUSAN WILKERSON, SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE  
6 WORKED AS A BOOKKEEPER AT THE QUARTZ HILL MARKET AND THE FARM  
7 FOOD MARKETS, AND LAWSON'S JEWELERS IN LANCASTER, AND LEGAL  
8 SECRETARY FOR MICHAEL EBERHART AND RICHARD CURTIN. ARACELI  
9 ALVAREZ, GRADUATE OF PALMDALE HIGH SCHOOL, KNIGHT HIGH SCHOOL  
10 IN PALMDALE. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 19. SHE IS SURVIVED  
11 BY HER MOTHER AND HER FATHER AND HER BROTHER JOSE, JR.  
12 VIRGINIA BECHNER-HALVERSON, RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
13 PARISHIONER AT SACRED HEART CHURCH FOR 50 YEARS AND WAS A  
14 VOLUNTEER AT OUR LANCASTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. JEANNE MARIE  
15 HELWIG, SHE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
16 SHE LEAVES HER FAMILY, HER HUSBAND, WALT, AND CHILDREN, DIANE  
17 AND TIANA, AND HER SISTER, LORETTA, RICHARD, MAX. THOSE ARE MY  
18 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS MOTIONS. I WANT TO CALL UP ITEM 12.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 12. CALL UP ITEM 12.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A MOTION ON ITEM 12, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
23 IT'S COAUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. "SINCE 1959, OUR  
24 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL TRADITION FOR LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY. OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS, THIS EVENT HAS GROWN



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1 INTO A MAJOR TELEVISION PROGRAM THAT IS AIRED A TOTAL OF 649  
2 TIMES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AS WELL, AND SEVEN OF THE NATION'S  
3 TOP 10 MARKETS, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE HOLIDAY  
4 SHOWS. THE CELEBRATION IS TYPICALLY SIX HOURS LONG WITH A  
5 TOTAL OF 45 ARTISTS' GROUPS PROGRAMMED, WHICH ALLOWS THE EVENT  
6 TO SHOWCASE THE BREADTH OF TALENT AVAILABLE IN OUR GREAT  
7 COUNTY. THIS YEAR, THAT NUMBER OF ARTISTS WAS CUT TO 22, AND  
8 THE HOURS WERE REDUCED TO ONLY THREE HOURS. WE WOULD MOVE THAT  
9 THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY \$100,000 IN ONE-TIME  
10 BASIS FOR THIS YEAR ONLY TO RESTORE THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION TO  
11 SIX HOURS AND 45 ARTIST GROUPS AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE  
12 DIRECTOR OF THE ARTS COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST  
13 OF POTENTIAL SPONSORS FOR NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND  
14 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN FEBRUARY 2010 ON THAT LIST WITH A  
15 PLAN FOR CONTACTING EACH SPONSOR. AND, TWO, REPORT TO THE  
16 BOARD AS PART OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/11  
17 ON THE RESPONSE OF EACH OF THE POTENTIAL SPONSORS."

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS. I ALSO HELD THE ITEM. MY CONCERN IS TWOFOLD.  
21 ONE, I SUPPORT THE MOTION. AND IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM, WE NEED  
22 TO DO IT. BUT WE HAD A CONVERSATION HERE A WHILE BACK ON TWO  
23 THINGS: ONE, ON SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO FUNDRAISE TO HELP FUND  
24 FOR THIS, NUMBER ONE. AND, NUMBER TWO, THE OTHER QUESTION THAT  
25 I HAD WAS IN REGARDS TO I UNDERSTAND WE'RE GETTING SOME PUSH



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1 BACK ON THE INTERNSHIPS AS IT RELATES TO USING T.A.N.F.  
2 DOLLARS AND THE T.A.N.F. PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN  
3 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. SO, LAURA, IF YOU JUST WANT TO  
4 ADDRESS BOTH ISSUES, THAT'S FINE. I MEAN THE MOTION WILL GO  
5 FORWARD. WE HAD A REAL COMMITMENT ON FUNDRAISING. AND THE  
6 BOARD UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED USING THE T.A.N.F. DOLLARS AS WELL  
7 TOO, TOO.

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9 **LAURA ZUCKER:** ON THE FUNDRAISING FRONT, WE HAVE BEEN  
10 AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING THIS. WE ACTUALLY HIRED A FIRM THAT  
11 P.B.S. RECOMMENDED WHO HAS HAD A GREAT TRACK RECORD AT  
12 DEVELOPING SPONSORS FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION PROGRAMS. WE'VE BEEN  
13 GETTING A MONTHLY REPORT FROM THIS PERSON WITH A LIST OF ALL  
14 OF HER CONTACTS. I BELIEVE SHE'S CONTACTED-- THIS IS ADAM  
15 DAVIS WHO OVERSEES THAT CONTRACT. ABOUT HOW MANY POTENTIAL  
16 SPONSORS HAS SHE CONTACTED TO DATE?

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18 **ADAM DAVIS:** IT'S ABOUT 23.

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20 **LAURA ZUCKER:** ABOUT 23. SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS. AND  
21 THESE ARE ALSO PEOPLE THAT WE CAN TRY AND CIRCLE BACK WITH  
22 STARTING WITH NEXT YEAR. BUT CORPORATIONS HAVE REALLY PULLED  
23 BACK ON MARKETING DOLLARS. AND THAT'S PRINCIPALLY WHERE THESE  
24 SPONSORSHIPS ARE COMING FROM. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THAT



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1    ISSUE? I CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF WHO WE'VE CONTACTED TO  
2    DATE.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT JUST A CONTACT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. CONTACT  
5    IS, YOU CALL THEM UP ON A PHONE. WHAT'S A CONTACT?

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7    **LAURA ZUCKER:** RIGHT. WELL THESE ARE, MANY OF THEM, FOLKS THAT  
8    SHE ACTUALLY HAS HAD RELATIONSHIPS WITH.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR EXAMPLE? FOR EXAMPLE?

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12   **LAURA ZUCKER:** DO YOU HAVE THE LIST?

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14   **ADAM DAVIS:** NOT WITH ME. BUT WE HAVE CONTACTED EVERYTHING FROM  
15   TOYOTA TO WE'VE TALKED TO WHOLE FOODS.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** TOYOTA SAID WHAT?

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19   **ADAM DAVIS:** I DON'T HAVE MY NOTES RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME FOR  
20   THAT.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** TOYOTA DIDN'T RETURN YOUR PHONE CALL.

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24   **ADAM DAVIS:** THAT'S NOT TRUE.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW. YOU KNOW, WE  
2   DECIDED, AND THIS IS AGAIN, THIS WAS A DECISION THAT WE MADE  
3   ON THE BOARD WITH THE IDEA THERE HAD TO BE SOME EFFORT. I  
4   DON'T MIND MAKING UP 32,000. I DON'T EVEN MIND MAKING UP  
5   72,000. BUT WHEN YOU CAN'T BRING IN A REPORT THAT TELLS ME WE  
6   HAVE COMMITMENTS RIGHT NOW FOR 14,000 AND WE'RE GOING TO GET  
7   ANOTHER 3,000, AND I NEED THE MAKEUP. JUST TO COME BACK AND  
8   HIT US UP AGAIN IS INAPPROPRIATE. I THINK THIS THING NEEDS TO  
9   BE CONTINUED UNTIL THEY BRING US A REPORT ABOUT HOW MANY  
10   CONTACTS THEY'VE MADE, WHAT KIND OF EFFORT THEY'VE MADE TO AT  
11   LEAST ATTEMPT TO GET PEOPLE RECRUITED TO SUPPORT THIS. I'D  
12   LIKE TO SEE THOSE CONTACTS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE OUTCOMES.

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14   **LAURA ZUCKER:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN HAPPY TO  
15   BRING THAT REPORT WITH ME IF I HAD KNOWN THAT YOU WANTED IT.  
16   WE HAVE IT. WE'VE BEEN--

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU INFORMED ME THAT  
19   YOU WERE BRINGING THIS TO ME.

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21   **LAURA ZUCKER:** EXCUSE ME?

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN DID YOU TELL ME YOU WERE BRINGING THIS TO  
24   ME?

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1   **LAURA ZUCKER:** THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION MOTION? THREE WEEKS AGO?

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** TWO WEEKS AGO.

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5   **LAURA ZUCKER:** WELL ACTUALLY IT WAS ON THE AGENDA LAST WEEK. SO  
6 IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO YOUR OFFICE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS  
7 BEFORE THAT.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** MM-HM. AND? SO YOU DIDN'T THINK I WOULD ASK THIS  
10 QUESTION?

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12   **LAURA ZUCKER:** NO, ACTUALLY. I HAD NO IDEA THIS QUESTION WAS  
13 GOING TO COME UP UNTIL SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH JUST READ HIS  
14 MOTION AND SUPERVISOR KNABE BROUGHT IT UP. IF I HAD HAD ANY  
15 IDEA-- IT'S A REPORT I HAVE AND WOULD HAVE BROUGHT WITH ME.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY? DO YOU HAVE THE C.E.O. SUPPORTING YOU ON  
18 THIS ISSUE?

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20   **LAURA ZUCKER:** IT'S ACTUALLY NOT OUR ISSUE, SUPERVISOR. WE  
21 BROUGHT IN A MOTION LAST WEEK FOR YOU ALL TO APPROVE A THREE-  
22 HOUR PROGRAM BASED UPON THE BUDGET THAT WAS APPROVED IN JUNE.  
23 WE WERE SURPRISED WHEN IT WAS HELD. HOWEVER, WE'RE HAPPY TO  
24 PROVIDE THAT REPORT AND FORWARD IT TO YOU. WE HAVE IT.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM CONTINUING IT  
2   FOR ONE WEEK SO I COULD GET THAT REPORT?

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4   **LAURA ZUCKER:** NO. BUT WE ARE GETTING TO BE A SEVERE TIME  
5   CRUNCH FOR MOVING THE PROGRAM FORWARD FOR DECEMBER. WE ARE SET  
6   TO MOVE FORWARD A THREE-HOUR PROGRAM.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S  
9   SUPPORT UP HERE. I THINK IF YOU CAN AT LEAST GIVE US THE  
10   INFORMATION AND COME BACK IN A WEEK. IS THAT OKAY?

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE ASKED FOR THIS IN JUNE DURING THE  
13   BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND WE GOT THIS LIST  
14   EARLIER THIS MORNING. ON THE 22 GROUPS.

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16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE NOT SEEN A LIST. WHY DON'T WE  
17   JUST CONTINUE THE ITEM A WEEK AND LOOK AT THE LIST AND THEN WE  
18   CAN DEAL WITH IT NEXT TUESDAY?

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20   **LAURA ZUCKER:** OKAY. WE WILL SEND YOU THE REPORT IN THE NEXT  
21   COUPLE OF DAYS.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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1   **LAURA ZUCKER:** SO ON THE SECOND ISSUE, THE T.A.N.F. FUNDS. WE  
2   ARE ALSO REALLY MOVING FORWARD WITH TRYING TO GET ARTS  
3   ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDS. WE'VE SENT OUT  
4   AN EMAIL BLAST TO ALL THE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS WE WORK WITH.  
5   WE'VE PRESENTED THE INFORMATION AT WORKSHOPS. IN FACT, WE HAVE  
6   IT AT THE GRANTEE RECEPTION HAPPENING THIS AFTERNOON. AND I'M  
7   GOING TO CALL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS' ATTENTION TO IT. WE'RE  
8   HOSTING A WORKSHOP AT THE ARTS COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 27TH WITH  
9   D.P.S.S. STAFF. AND WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE  
10  ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO REGISTER AS WORK SITES. ON THE FLIP  
11  SIDE, WE ALSO HAVE ALREADY SET UP A MEETING WITH D.P.S.S. WITH  
12  ALL THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO START TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN  
13  BEST ACCESS THE STUDENTS WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE.

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15  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU MEETING WITH THE SOUTH BAY  
16  INVESTMENT WORKFORCE BOARD, TOO?

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18  **LAURA ZUCKER:** CORRECT. WE'RE IN ACTIVE CONVERSATION WITH THEM.  
19  I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE NEWS CAME THAT WE'RE DRAGGING OUR FEET  
20  ON THIS; WE ARE NOT.

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22  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, GOOD. GLAD TO HEAR THAT. ALL  
23  RIGHT. OKAY. THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. THANK YOU.  
24  WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, ONCE AGAIN, THERE'S A  
2    LOT OF DISCUSSION IN SACRAMENTO ON THE ISSUE OF WATER. AND WE  
3    SENT A LETTER TO THE WATER. BUT A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY IS  
4    CRUCIAL FOR CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES, SOUTHERN  
5    CALIFORNIA. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTIES OF SAN DIEGO, SAN  
6    BERNADINO, RIVERSIDE AND ORANGE. WHICH MAKE UP THE MAJORITY OF  
7    THE STATE'S POPULATION AND ALSO ECONOMIC VITALITY. BUT  
8    HISTORICALLY, WE'VE USED THREE IMPORTED SOURCES OF WATER. THAT  
9    HAS BEEN THE STATE WATER PROJECT, WHOSE SOURCES INCLUDE THE  
10    SACRAMENTO RIVER, THE COLORADO RIVER AND THE OWENS VALLEY. BUT  
11    MUCH OF THE WATER IN THE COLORADO RIVER HAS NOW BEEN  
12    REALLOCATED TO OTHER STATES BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME  
13    COURT. SO OUR SHARE WILL BE DIMINISHING AS OTHER STATES  
14    EXERCISE THEIR PRIORITY OF WATER RIGHTS. THE OWENS VALLEY  
15    SOURCE IS JUST ENOUGH TO ONLY TAKE CARE OF THE CITY OF LOS  
16    ANGELES. THE KEY SOURCE FOR THE L.A. REGION ARE COUNTY AND  
17    THESE OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE IS THE STATE WATER PROJECT,  
18    WHICH IS A CANAL THAT TAKES WATER FROM SACRAMENTO DELTA AND  
19    BRINGS IT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEY ALSO IRRIGATE MOST  
20    OF THE PRODUCTIVE FARM GROUND IN THE WORLD IN THE SOUTHERN SAN  
21    JOAQUIN VALLEY. OUR REGION STORES MILLIONS OF ACRE FEET OF  
22    SURPLUS WATER IN WET YEARS, BOTH IN OUR RESERVOIRS AND IN  
23    SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AQUIFERS FOR USE IN LOW RAIN  
24    YEARS. BY CONTRAST, THE STATE WATER PROJECT HAS AN OBLIGATION  
25    TO PROVIDE OVER 3 MILLION-ACRE FEET OF WATER TO THE



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1 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT AND TO THE SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN  
2 VALLEY IN NORMAL RAIN YEARS. IN ABOVE NORMAL YEARS, THE  
3 PROJECT CAN AND HISTORICALLY DID PROVIDE SURPLUS WATERS IN THE  
4 MILLIONS OF ACRE FEET THAT BOTH THE FARMERS AND THE  
5 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BANKED WISELY FOR RAIN SHORT  
6 YEARS. HOWEVER IN THE LAST 15 YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY  
7 ATTACKS ON THE STATE WATER RESOURCES BY GROUPS CLAIMING TO  
8 REPRESENT THE ENVIRONMENT, WHICH HAS CULMINATED WITH A FEDERAL  
9 JUDGE CUTTING THE WATER SUPPLY TO A LEVEL THAT HAS CAUSED THE  
10 FARMERS IN OUR REGION TO DRAIN OUR UNDERGROUND SUPPLIES, WHICH  
11 WERE CREATED FOR A REAL DROUGHT. NOW THE STATE IS EXPERIENCING  
12 A PERMANENT SUBSISTENCE OF THE AQUIFERS AND HUNDREDS OF  
13 THOUSANDS OF FARM WORKERS HAVE NOW LOST THEIR JOBS. THE  
14 DANGEROUS COMBINATION OF THE EXTREMISM ON ENVIRONMENTALISM AND  
15 JUDICIAL ACTIVISM HAS THREATENED THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE  
16 CALIFORNIA ECONOMY, AND THAT IS WHY THERE'S A CALL THAT THIS  
17 FEDERAL JUDGE'S DECISION BE APPEALED AND FOR THE GOVERNOR AND  
18 THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE ACTION TO REFURBISH  
19 OUR WATER SUPPLY. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE WATER SUPPLY FOR  
20 THE REGION IS NOT INDEFINITELY UNDERMINED. AND AS YOU KNOW IN  
21 THE PAPERS, THIS ISSUE OF WATER IS ONCE AGAIN BEING DISCUSSED  
22 IN SACRAMENTO. BUT IT REALLY PERTAINS TO OUR ECONOMIC VITALITY  
23 IN OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THOSE ARE  
24 MY MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S JUST A STATEMENT.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA. OKAY. ANY  
2    ADJOURNMENTS?

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4    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
7    MAY I BEGIN BY ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF MARYBELL BRAZILE  
8    BAKEWELL, A LOS ANGELES RESIDENT WHO PASSED ON THE SEVENTH OF  
9    OCTOBER. MS. BAKEWELL WAS A NATIVE OF NEW ORLEANS WHO LIVED  
10   THERE UNTIL THE TIME OF HURRICANE KATRINA, AT WHICH TIME SHE  
11   WAS FORCED TO RELOCATE. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST. PETER  
12   CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND A GRADUATE OF ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.  
13   SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER DEDICATION TO HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY.  
14   HER ENTHUSIASM FOR THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AND HER LOVE OF  
15   CARDS, BINGO AND OTHER SUCH GAMES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
16   MEMORY HER SON, DANNY BAKEWELL SR., HER DAUGHTER, PAMELA  
17   BAKEWELL, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A  
18   HOST OF OTHER FAMILY.

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT, PLEASE? ALL  
21   MEMBERS?

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23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I MOVE ON TO  
24   DOLORAS MONDY BURRELL, LATE MOTHER OF LOS ANGELES DEPUTY CITY  
25   ATTORNEY CARMEN HAWKINS, WHO PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. IN





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1 RECENT YEARS, SHE SPLIT HER TIME BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND  
2 BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY TWO  
3 DAUGHTERS, CARMEN AND ADRIAN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, MULTIPLE  
4 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
5 AND, FINALLY, WOODY FLEMING, A LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT  
6 RESIDENT WHO PASSED ON OCTOBER 7TH. MR. FLEMING WAS A MEMBER  
7 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHO SOUGHT ELECTIVE  
8 OFFICE. HE SERVED ON THE ELECTED CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION,  
9 AND WAS APPOINTED BY THEN MAYOR RICHARD RIORDAN TO BE ONE OF  
10 THE FIVE FULL-TIME MEMBERS, AND ALSO SERVED ON THE CITY'S  
11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION. MR. CHAIRMAN, WOODY WAS ACTIVE IN  
12 MANY ACTIVITIES AND CERTAINLY I'LL REMEMBER HIM FOR HIS CIVIC  
13 INVOLVEMENT, HIS WORK AS AN ADVOCATE FOR ORGANIZED LABOR AND  
14 HE WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IF I MAY, ITEM 18, MR. CHAIRMAN? THIS  
19 IS THE MATTER OF THE SOUTH HEALTH CENTER. I SIMPLY POINT IT  
20 OUT EVER SO BRIEFLY, BUT IT WAS IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR THAT  
21 THE BOARD APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CENTER. THE  
22 ORIGINAL WAS BOTH OUTDATED AND INEFFICIENT AND IT WAS TIME TO  
23 DO WHAT WE ALL KNOW TYPICALLY NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE IMPORTANT  
24 NEWS HERE IS THIS NEW CENTER WILL COMPLIMENT THAT WHICH IS  
25 GOING ON IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF OUR CITY, THAT IS OF OUR



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1 COUNTY, THE SOUTHEAST PORTION IN PARTICULAR. AND ONE OF THE  
2 FOCI OF THIS FACILITY WILL BE TO REALLY DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF  
3 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER  
4 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. A LOT OF STRONG, TOUGH WORK NEEDS TO BE  
5 DONE WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION AND TREATMENT OF S.T.D.S IN  
6 PARTICULAR. THESE ARE DOCUMENTABLY WAY BEYOND WHAT LEVELS THEY  
7 SHOULD BE. THEREFORE WE WANT TO CAUSE THIS PARTICULAR FACILITY  
8 TO BE ONE OF THE COUNTY'S SHINING EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN BE DONE  
9 PROACTIVELY IN TERMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE EDUCATION THAT  
10 NEEDS TO GO ON THAT SURROUNDS IT. AND SO I WANT TO CALL THIS  
11 TO THE ATTENTION OF EVERYONE BECAUSE THERE'S GOOD NEWS IN THE  
12 OFFING. AND THE EXPANSION OF THIS SOUTH HEALTH CENTER WILL  
13 HELP US ACHIEVE SOME OF THE GOALS, THE OBJECTIVES THAT ALL OF  
14 US KNOW TO BE VERY IMPORTANT. SO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR  
15 YOUR WORK, YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT AND  
18 THAT IS GOOD NEWS. SO IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
19 THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WE DO HAVE ARNOLD SACHS HAS  
20 SIGNED UP. ARNOLD, PASS? OKAY. AND THAT RELATED TO 2-D, AS  
21 WELL. AND SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL  
22 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION ON BOTH 16 AND 2-D. 18. EXCUSE ME.  
23 18 AND 2-D. EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. AND THEN FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
2    ON ITEM NO. 15, IF STAFF COULD JUST COME FORWARD QUICKLY ON  
3    THAT. MANY OF US KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL ENERGY BLOCK GRANT  
4    FUNDS WERE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED OR DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT  
5    ENERGY EFFICIENT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES WERE  
6    REALIZED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. AND WE WANT TO APPLAUD THE WORK  
7    THAT IS BEING DONE THERE. BUT PURSUANT TO THE MOTION THAT CAME  
8    FORWARD IN MAY, THERE WAS A SPECIFIC DIRECTION OR INSTRUCTION  
9    THAT WE DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER STRATEGY THAT  
10   INCLUDES PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS, INCLUDING RENEWABLE ENERGY,  
11   GREEN BUILDING, WATER CONSERVATION, WASTE DIVERSION AND MASS  
12   TRANSIT PROMOTION AND A GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
13   MODEL. THESE ARE CONCEPTUAL. AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT  
14   IT WAS AMENDED BY BOTH SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND MOLINA TO  
15   SECURE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION CHANGE.  
16   THERE'S NO MENTION IN THE REPORT BACK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
17   SERVICE CENTERS IN THE BOARD LETTER. AND I THINK IT'S  
18   IMPORTANT THAT WE CALL THAT FORWARD BECAUSE IN EACH OF OUR  
19   RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, IT IS THE NEW, THE NEXT, THE CUTTING  
20   EDGE WITH RESPECT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE MANAGEMENT OF  
21   THOSE THINGS THAT CONTRIBUTE IN AN ADVERSE WAY. WE CAN BE AND  
22   SHOULD BE LEADERS IN THAT REGARD. AND I KNOW THAT YOU SALUTE  
23   THAT, EMBRACE THAT AND BUY INTO IT. BUT THE LACK OF RESPONSE  
24   ON THAT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION IS OF CONCERN. SO IF YOU CAN HELP



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1 US BY WAY OF CLARIFICATION FOR THE RECORD, IT WOULD BE  
2 APPRECIATED.

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4 **TOM TINDALL:** SURELY, SUPERVISOR. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.  
5 TOM TINDALL WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE  
6 A.R.R.A. GRANT MONEY THAT WE'VE REQUESTED YOU APPROVE AND WE  
7 ACCEPT DOES INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE  
8 CENTERS, APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION. AND THERE WAS -- THE LETTER  
9 BEFORE YOU, I HAVE TO TELL YOU, IS IN MY MIND RELATIVELY PRO  
10 FORMA. WE WERE OUTLINING THE PROGRAM. WE DIDN'T PUT A LOT OF  
11 DETAIL IN IN. AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE  
12 CENTERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT, IT'S AT LEAST IMPLICIT IN THE  
13 COMMENT WE MAKE IN THE LETTER ABOUT THE COMMUNITY-BASED  
14 PROGRAM FOR BUILDING RETROFITS. AND IN FACT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
15 SERVICE CENTERS ARE INTEGRAL TO MAKING THAT PROGRAM WORK,  
16 WHICH GETS AUTHORIZED UNDER A.B.811. SO SUPERVISOR, PLEASE BE  
17 ASSURED, THERE IS FUNDING THERE TO GET OUR ENVIRONMENTAL  
18 SERVICE CENTERS UNDERWAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WE APPRECIATE IT. BECAUSE IT IS  
21 TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS A PART OF THE OVERALL SUSTAINABILITY  
22 PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY. AND YOU'RE ONE OF OUR LEADERS IN THAT,  
23 SO LET ME JUST SIMPLY MAKE THE REQUEST THAT FOR FUTURE  
24 REFERENCE THAT WE EXPLICATE THE POINT RATHER THAN HAVE IT  
25 IMPLIED. THEREFORE ALL OF US CAN BE CLEAR THAT WE'RE MARCHING



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1 FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTERS  
2 ARE AN APPROPRIATE AND SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF WHAT WE DO WITH  
3 RESPECT TO OUR SUSTAINABILITY, OUTREACH, AND ADVANCEMENT  
4 PROGRAMS.

5

6 **TOM TINDALL:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE, LET'S SEE. WE DIDN'T HAVE  
11 ANYONE SIGN UP ON THAT ONE, DID WE? OKAY. WITH THAT AND WITH  
12 THAT RECOGNITION OF THE REPORT BACK AND EVERYTHING, WE WILL  
13 MOVE THE ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR  
14 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. SUPERVISOR  
17 YAROSLAVSKY? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? OKAY. SUPERVISOR  
18 YAROSLAVSKY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANT TO ASK THAT  
21 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PAT MCMAHON.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST GOT THE EMAIL. TRAGEDY. PAT  
24 MCMAHON. FORMER ASSISTANT AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HERE IN THE  
25 COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RETIRED AND MUCH RESPECTED MEMBER OF OF THE  
3 COUNTY FAMILY. PASSED AWAY OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR MANY YEARS AS  
8 ASSISTANT AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, INCLUDING A LONG STINT AT THE  
9 HELM OF BOTH AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING DIVISIONS. HE WAS WELL  
10 KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND HIS ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING  
11 EXPERTISE WERE WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
12 WIFE, MARIA, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS AND  
13 COLLEAGUES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BRENDAN MULLEN, A LEGENDARY ROCK AND POP  
18 MUSIC PROMOTER IN LOS ANGELES SINCE THE MID 1970S, WHO DIED  
19 TRAGICALLY AND SUDDENLY AFTER RECENTLY SUFFERING A MASSIVE  
20 STROKE WHILE TRAVELING TO CELEBRATE HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY. HE IS  
21 SURVIVED BY HIS COMPANION OF 16 YEARS, KATERI BUTLER. THREE  
22 SISTERS, PAULINE MULLEN, UNA EARLEY, AND NUALA RAINFORD. THOSE  
23 ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

24





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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO CALL  
2    UP?

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 1-H. I'D LIKE TO ASK MR. ROGAN AND TO COME  
5    FORWARD?

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ROGAN, IF YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE? WE DO  
8    HAVE SOMEONE. SIGNED UP FOR THAT. GO AHEAD AND CALL HER UP,  
9    PLEASE? WE HAVE SHIRLEY SANEMATSU. SIGNED UP. SHIRLEY, IF  
10    YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE?

11

12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

13

14    **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THIS  
15    OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES'  
16    CONCERNS WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
17    THEIR SECTION 8 POLICIES. WE SUBMITTED OUR WRITTEN COMMENTS  
18    YESTERDAY AND FAXED THEM TO YOUR OFFICES, BUT I HAVE  
19    ADDITIONAL COPIES HERE IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THEM. WHAT I'D  
20    FIRST LIKE TO ADDRESS IS THAT THESE PROPOSED CHANGES FROM THE  
21    HOUSING AUTHORITY ARE NOT MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES. IN  
22    PARTICULAR, PROPOSED CHANGES 1, 4, 6 AND 8 WOULD DRAMATICALLY  
23    IMPACT HOW SECTION 8 FAMILIES USE THEIR VOUCHERS, WHERE THEY  
24    MAY USE THEIR VOUCHERS AND LIVE AND HOW THEY CAN BE TERMINATED  
25    FROM THE PROGRAM. OUR CONCERN IS THAT SOME OF THESE CHANGES DO



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1 NOT COMPLY WITH HUD REGULATORY AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, AND  
2 MAY ALSO VIOLATE FAIR HOUSING LAWS. THESE CHANGES ARE DRAMATIC  
3 AND THEY REQUIRE MORE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. SO N.L.S.  
4 REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD HOLD OFF ON VOTING ON THESE PROPOSED  
5 CHANGES FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO ALLOW INTERESTED COMMUNITY  
6 MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. BUT THE NEXT  
7 ISSUE I ALSO WANT TO RAISE, BECAUSE WE VERY THOROUGHLY, I  
8 THINK, DESCRIBED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE NINE PROPOSALS IN OUR  
9 WRITTEN COMMENTS IS AN ISSUE NOT RAISED IN OUR WRITTEN  
10 COMMENTS. AND THIS IS IN REGARD TO THE CLOSING OF THE SECTION  
11 8 WAIT LIST. THIS WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT POLICY SHIFT FOR THE  
12 COUNTY TO TAKE TO CHANGE FROM AN OPEN WAIT LIST TO A CLOSED  
13 ONE. NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES URGES THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
14 TO CONSIDER A DIFFERENT MEANS TO MANAGE THE WAIT LIST RATHER  
15 THAN CLOSING IT. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS PROPOSING TO CLOSE  
16 THE WAIT LIST IN JUST 2-1/2 WEEKS, AS OF NOVEMBER 1ST, AND  
17 SAYS IT'S PUBLICIZED THIS CLOSURE IN SEVERAL PUBLICATIONS. BUT  
18 SIGNIFICANTLY, ONE OF THE PUBLICATIONS THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED  
19 ON THIS LIST DEEPLY IMPACTS THE FIFTH DISTRICT, THE ANTELOPE  
20 VALLEY PRESS, WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THIS LIST OF PUBLICATIONS.  
21 AND I KNOW IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE  
22 ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SECTION 8  
23 FAMILIES. AND SO THE ABSENCE OF THAT SEEMS TO BE A SERIOUS  
24 OVERSIGHT FOR SUCH A CHANGE. WE FURTHER ARE CONCERNED THAT THE  
25 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF THESE WAIT LISTS HAS BEEN



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1 PUBLICIZED IN FIELD OFFICES. HAS IT BEEN INCLUDED IN A  
2 NEWSLETTERS TO TENANTS SO THAT THE POPULATION KNOWS OF THIS  
3 DRAMATIC SHIFT? SO AT THE VERY LEAST, WE URGE THE BOARD TO ASK  
4 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PUSH BACK ITS CLOSURE OF THE WAIT  
5 LIST, IF IT IS IN FACT GOING TO DO SO, TO AT LEAST FEBRUARY  
6 1ST, 2010, SO THAT IT CAN BE PROPERLY PUBLICIZED TO THE  
7 EFFECTIVE POPULATIONS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS VERY  
8 VALUABLE PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M OPEN TO ANY  
9 QUESTIONS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ZEV? DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I HAVE A SLEW OF-- BEFORE WE ASK ANY  
14 RESPONSE. I'M SURPRISED. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR LETTER. SO MAYBE  
15 IT'S IN YOUR LETTER. BUT IF YOU CAN GET A COPY OF IT. IS THIS  
16 THE MAIN ISSUE YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT? IS THIS THE MAIN ISSUE  
17 YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE WAIT LIST?

18

19 **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** THE WAIT LIST IS NOT THE MAIN ISSUE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT IS THE MAIN ISSUE  
22 YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, OR ISSUES?

23

24 **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** ONE OF THE PROPOSALS, THE FIRST PROPOSED  
25 CHANGE IS FOR AN INCLUSION OF AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SUITABILITY



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1 OF A NEIGHBORHOOD FOR WHETHER A SECTION 8 FAMILY MAY MOVE INTO  
2 IT. IT WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CRIME STATISTICS, CALLS FOR  
3 SERVICES SUCH AS FIRE DEPARTMENT, PARAMEDICS, POLICE IN  
4 ASSESSING WHETHER A FAMILY CAN MOVE INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR  
5 CONCERN THAT THIS TYPE OF POLICY, WITHOUT MORE INFORMATION,  
6 MAY LEAD TO A TYPE OF RED LINING. AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED  
7 THAT THIS WILL HAVE FAIR HOUSING IMPACTS, FAIR HOUSING LEGAL  
8 IMPACTS FOR SECTION 8 FAMILIES. WITHOUT ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITY  
9 TO LOOK AT THESE ISSUES MORE CLOSELY AND DISCUSS MAYBE SOME OF  
10 THE ISSUES THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO ADDRESS,  
11 THAT JUST RAISES SUCH A CONCERN FOR US AND OUR CONSTITUENTS.

12  
13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY OTHER MAJOR ISSUES YOU WANT TO  
14 HIGHLIGHT?

15  
16 **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** YES. PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 4 WHICH I ALSO  
17 DESCRIBE IN OUR LETTER, IS IN REGARD TO LIMITING A FAMILY'S  
18 ABILITY TO MOVE ONCE WITHIN -- ONE TIME WITHIN A ONE-YEAR  
19 PERIOD. PROPOSED CHANGE 4 AND PROPOSED CHANGE 8, I WOULD  
20 ACTUALLY JUST SEEK CLARIFICATION ON HOW THOSE TWO PROPOSED  
21 CHANGES WOULD WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT  
22 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WHEN A SECTION 8 FAMILY MOVES TO A NEW  
23 HOME, THAT THEY'RE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR LEASE  
24 AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME AND THAT THERE ARE STANDARD  
25 RESTRICTIONS TO LIMIT THAT FAMILY FROM MOVING AGAIN IN THE



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1 NEXT YEAR. SO THOSE CHANGES WE HAVE QUESTIONS ON, BUT WE ALSO  
2 OPPOSE BECAUSE WE SEE THAT AS AN UNDUE INFRINGEMENT UPON A  
3 FAMILY'S FREEDOM TO CHOOSE WHERE THEY LIVE AND WHERE TO LIVE  
4 AND IF THEY NEED TO MOVE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE I ASK MY QUESTIONS, MAYBE YOU WANT TO  
11 RESPOND TO THOSE. AND I HAVE SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS I WANT TO  
12 ASK, AS WELL, MR. ROGAN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FOR THE MIC, THERE YOU GO.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU GOT TO PULL IT TOWARDS YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'VE GOT TO PULL IT. DIRECT IT. THERE  
19 YOU GO. VERY TECHNICAL AND TOUCHY.

20

21 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. TO THE  
22 FIRST QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO CRIME AND CALLS FOR SERVICE,  
23 THE WAY THIS POLICY IS WRITTEN IT SPEAKS TO-- AND IT'S PRETTY  
24 CLEAR-- IT SAYS LIMITED TO CRIME STATISTICS, VOLUMES OF CALLS  
25 FOR POLICE, FIRE, PARAMEDIC AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES, CODE



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1 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, PHYSICAL BLIGHT AND OTHER HOUSING  
2 QUALITY STANDARD ISSUES. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IS WE HAVE  
3 SOME LANDLORDS THAT HOUSE SECTION 8 TENANTS AND BLIGHTED  
4 PROPERTIES WITH GRAFFITI AND GANG ACTIVITY AND OTHER TYPES OF  
5 ACTIVITY THAT I DON'T THINK WE WOULD WANT A NEW CONTRACT  
6 VOUCHER HOLDER, SUCH AS A SINGLE MOM WITH TWO KIDS, TO ENTER  
7 INTO UNTIL SOME OF THOSE CONDITIONS WERE ADDRESSED. SO WHAT  
8 THIS POLICY WILL ALLOW US TO DO IS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WE  
9 HAVE A PROBLEM LANDLORD OR WE HAVE A PARTICULAR AREA, WE CAN  
10 THEN LIMIT NEW VOUCHER HOLDERS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THOSE  
11 ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU TALKING ON THIS POLICY, WHICH IS THE  
14 ONE THAT GOT MY ATTENTION, TOO, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT CRIME  
15 STATISTICS AS IT RELATES TO THAT PROPERTY, OR TO THE  
16 NEIGHBORHOOD?

17

18 **SEAN ROGAN:** IT COULD POTENTIALLY BE A NEIGHBORHOOD IF IT WAS  
19 WELL-DEFINED. BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE CRIME STATS ALONE, IT'S A  
20 COMBINATION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I'M ASKING WHETHER THIS IS  
23 FOCUSED ON THE BUILDING OR ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD? BECAUSE WE DO  
24 THAT THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES IN THIS COUNTY THAT WANT OUT  
25 OF THIS PROGRAM. AND FRANKLY, WHEN I READ THIS, I THOUGHT THIS





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1 WAS A VERY CLEVER WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. UNLESS I MISREAD  
2 IT, AND I'VE GOT YOUR POLICY HERE. HAS THIS EVER BEEN DONE  
3 BEFORE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY? THIS KIND OF A POLICY?

4

5 **SEAN ROGAN:** NOT TO THIS SPECIFICITY. HOWEVER, THIS DOES LOOK  
6 AT A CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ALL OF THESE ITEMS, IN TERMS OF  
7 CRIME, IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL BLIGHT, IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT  
8 HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, TELL ME, WHAT WOULD BE THE THRESHOLD  
11 BEYOND WHICH YOU WOULD NOT PERMIT A SECTION 8 HOUSING CONTRACT  
12 TO BE ENTERED INTO? HOW MUCH CRIME? DO YOU KNOW? HOW MUCH  
13 PARAMEDIC SERVICE REQUESTS?

14

15 **SEAN ROGAN:** SURE. I MEAN, THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS, IS WE WOULD  
16 LOOK AT A COMPLEX, FOR EXAMPLE, AND COMPARE THAT TO A BASELINE  
17 WITHIN THAT INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY. SECONDLY, WE WOULD THEN LOOK  
18 AT THE COMPLEX AND SEE IF THEY'RE TIMELY IN ADDRESSING CODE  
19 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES. AND THAT COULD BE GRAFFITI REMOVAL OR IT  
20 COULD BE VANDALISMS, OR THE IDEA OF THE BROKEN WINDOW SYNDROME  
21 OR SOME OF THOSE TYPE OF THINGS. WE WOULD THEN ALSO LOOK AT  
22 THE CALLS FOR SERVICE. AND THEN CUMULATIVELY, LOOKING AT ALL  
23 THOSE STATISTICS, IF THOSE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE  
24 BASELINE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY--

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THAT BUILDING?

2

3    **SEAN ROGAN:** FOR THAT BUILDING, WE WOULD THEN LOOK TO  
4    DISCONTINUE NEW VOUCHERS THERE UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A LOT OF  
5    THOSE STATISTICS CAME DOWN TO NORMAL.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN I ASKED YOU WHETHER THIS APPLIES TO  
8    THE BUILDING OR TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR TO A NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU  
9    SAID BOTH.

10

11   **SEAN ROGAN:** IN SOME VERY RARE INSTANCES, YOU MIGHT HAVE A VERY  
12   WELL-DEFINED NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT MAY BE A BLOCK, FOR EXAMPLE,  
13   WHERE YOU HAVE A LARGE ISSUE OF ALL OF THESE ITEMS TAKING  
14   PLACE. AND THEN YOU WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THAT.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS VERY VAGUE TO ME. WHAT YOU'RE  
17   DESCRIBING IS VERY VAGUE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY THESE  
18   KINDS OF THINGS TAKING PLACE. TO WHAT EXTENT IS TAKING PLACE?  
19   WHAT WOULD BE THE THRESHOLD? THERE ARE A LOT NEIGHBORHOODS IN  
20   THIS COUNTY WHERE A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD LOOK AT THE  
21   NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAY THIS HAS A HIGHER THAN AVERAGE CRIME  
22   RATE. WE HAVE THEM IN EVERY DISTRICT IN THE-- IN EVERY  
23   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTY. LET ME  
24   FOCUS ON-- WELL, IT'S NOT IN CORPORATE AREAS. BUT THERE ARE  
25   COMMUNITIES IN THIS COUNTY FROM NORTH TO SOUTH TO EAST AND



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1 WEST. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DIFFERENTIATE? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO  
2 DRAW THE LINE? AND IS THIS EVEN LEGAL? MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
3 THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS WOULD  
4 BE THE FIRST TIME IT'S BEEN DONE. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S  
5 BEEN RUN UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S  
6 OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS, MISS KAPUR?

7

8 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISORS, OUR OFFICE IS AWARE THAT  
9 THIS WAS A FACTOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT WANTED TO PUT IN PLACE.  
10 WHAT WE HAVE ADVISED, AS MUCH AS THE DIRECTOR HAS SAID, IS  
11 THAT IF IT IS ONE FACTOR THEY ARE CONSIDERING AS PART OF THEIR  
12 OVERALL CRITERIA, THAT IT IS DISCREETLY USED, THAT IT'S USED  
13 MORE AS A MEASURE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE LANDLORD IS  
14 TAKING CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO MAKE THE HOUSING UNIT A SAFE  
15 ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENT, IT COULD FALL WITHIN THE RUBRIC  
16 WHICH IS IN THE FEDERAL GUIDELINES WHICH CALL FOR THE HOUSING  
17 AUTHORITY TO PROTECT THE GENERAL WELFARE--

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A  
20 UNIT OR A BUILDING WHERE THE UNIT IS. I'M MORE PUZZLED BY THIS  
21 WELL-DEFINED NEIGHBORHOOD THAT MR. ROGAN IS TALKING ABOUT.  
22 HAVE THEY RUN THIS IDEA BY YOU?

23



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1   **LEELA KAPUR:** I DON'T KNOW. JUST BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN  
2   INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS, I DON'T KNOW IF WE SPECIFICALLY  
3   DISCUSSED THE WELL-DEFINED NEIGHBORHOOD.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK YOU. WHAT IS THE RUSH ON THIS?

6

7   **SEAN ROGAN:** ON THESE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES OR THIS ONE  
8   SPECIFICALLY?

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THESE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES. I DON'T  
11   WANT TO TAKE A LOT OF TIME IF WE CAN COUPLE OF WEEKS TO  
12   UNDERSTAND THIS BETTER THAN TO HAVE THIS OUT THIS AFTERNOON.

13

14   **SEAN ROGAN:** THERE'S NO REGULATORY OR STATUTORY REQUIREMENT IN  
15   ORDER TO GET THESE THROUGH. WE HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT THESE,  
16   GOING AS FAR BACK AS JULY, AS PART OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
17   PLAN THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD. WE DISCUSSED THIS IN PART  
18   AS PART OF THE ZERO TOLERANCE AND CRIME POLICY THAT CAME  
19   BEFORE THE BOARD ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS AGO. AND THIS WAS  
20   JUST FOLLOWING A NATURAL PROGRESSION.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE'S NO RUSH.

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24   **SEAN ROGAN:** THERE IS NO RUSH.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL JUST STOP AND MOVE THAT WE-- TWO WEEKS.  
2    WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO 30 DAYS. I KNOW THAT WAS YOUR REQUEST.  
3    BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU, IN THESE TWO WEEKS, TO ALSO TALK TO  
4    THESE STAKEHOLDERS, NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, AT LEAST  
5    RESPOND TO THEIR LETTER. I HAD NOT SEEN THIS UNTIL NOW AND I  
6    STILL HAVEN'T SEEN IT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO READ  
7    IT. BUT ASIDE FROM THEM, WHICH I JUST WANT TO DO THEM THE  
8    COURTESY SINCE THEY'VE BEEN A PARTNER WITH US OVER A PERIOD OF  
9    TIME, I AM FOCUSED ON A FEW OF THESE ISSUES, SOME OF THEM, ONE  
10    OF THEM WE'VE JUST TALKED ABOUT. WHEN I READ THIS, IT LOOKED--  
11    I'LL USE HER TERMINOLOGY. IT LOOKED LIKE A PRESCRIPTION FOR  
12    RED LINING, A VERSION OF RED LINING. AND THAT BOTHERS ME. AND  
13    I THINK BEFORE WE GO DOWN THAT ROAD, WE NEED TO HAVE REAL  
14    SPECIFICITY. AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD URGE YOU TO TRY TO DRAFT  
15    IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF  
16    WEEKS, SO WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. IF YOU'RE  
17    TALKING ABOUT A BUILDING THAT HAS PROBLEMS, THAT'S ONE THING.  
18    I DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THAT. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE  
19    REWARDING A LANDLORD OR PROPERTY OWNER WHO CAN'T EVEN KEEP HIS  
20    PLACE UP TO CODE. BUT WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT  
21    NEIGHBORHOODS --

22

23    **SEAN ROGAN:** NO, I HEAR YOU.

24

25    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A VERY SUBJECTIVE THING.



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2 **SEAN ROGAN:** WE'VE HAD THAT DISCUSSION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I WOULD MOVE A TWO WEEK CONTINUANCE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU YOU  
7 HAD RAISED YOUR HAND EARLIER, OR DO YOU WANT TO WAIT? YOU'LL  
8 WAIT TWO WEEKS? DO YOU WANT TO WAIT TWO WEEKS OR GO AHEAD?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK ONE, MR. CHAIRMAN. THROUGH  
11 THE CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MR. ROGAN VISIT WITH THREE  
12 PEOPLE ON MY STAFF FOR FOLLOW UP. SYLVIA IVY, YVONNE RIVERA  
13 AND RICHARD ROJADO, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BACKGROUND AND IN THE  
14 AREA OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF POVERTY LAW. AND  
15 IF YOU WANT ME TO COME IN AND SAVE YOU AFTER THAT MEETING,  
16 JUST LET ME KNOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **SEAN ROGAN:** CERTAINLY WE'LL DO THAT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I ALSO THINK YOU NEED TO TALK TO THE  
21 HIGHER UPS IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE.

22

23 **SEAN ROGAN:** AND I WILL DO THAT, AS WELL.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR. THAT'S RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOT AT ALL. BUT YOU CAN DETERMINE WHERE  
5 YOU WANT TO START FIRST.

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7 **SEAN ROGAN:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTION. WOULD YOU LIKE  
8 ME TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE OTHER CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT  
9 UP?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IT'S COMING BACK IN TWO WEEKS.  
12 YOU CAN RESPOND BACK BY MEMO OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE AFTER YOUR  
13 OTHER DISCUSSIONS. THERE IS NO SENSE, IT WOULD BE A  
14 DUPLICATION, BECAUSE YOU WILL REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS,  
15 ANYWAY.

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17 **SEAN ROGAN:** OKAY. JUST ONE FINAL NOTE. AT THE TIME THAT THIS  
18 REPORT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO COME TO THE BOARD, WE HAD  
19 ACTUALLY INCLUDED AS IT RELATES TO THE WAIT LIST A NOVEMBER  
20 1ST NOTICING DATE -- ACTUALLY AN OCTOBER 1ST NOTICING DATE  
21 WITH A NOVEMBER 1ST CLOSURE DATE. OBVIOUSLY UNTIL THIS ITEM IS  
22 DISCUSSED AND DIRECTION GIVEN, THOSE DATES WILL FLUCTUATE, AS  
23 WELL. I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, AS WELL.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JUST EXTEND IT TWO WEEKS, THANK  
2    YOU.

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4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

7    OH, YEAH, ETHEL JOHNSON, YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

8    WE CONTINUED IT TWO WEEKS. DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS IT TODAY OR

9    COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS?

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11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I'M SORRY, THANK YOU. BUT YOU  
12   DIDN'T SIGN UP. ETHEL, DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK NOW OR WAIT TWO  
13   WEEKS? GUESS THAT MEANS SHE WANTS TO WAIT. OKAY. THANK YOU.

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15   **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

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17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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19   **ETHEL JOHNSON:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ONE FOR TWO WEEKS.

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21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS IT IN TWO WEEKS?

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23   **ETHEL JOHNSON:** YEAH, DO YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE IT'S MORE TO IT  
24   THAN JUST THAT, THAN MEETS THE EYE. AND I THINK THE BOARD  
25   WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THEY CHECK INTO IT AND I WOULD, TOO.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL WE'RE COMING BACK IN TWO  
3 WEEKS. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE CHECKING INTO.

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5 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** NOW THE OTHER ONE IS 16.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 16'S COME AND GONE. YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP  
8 FOR 16.

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10 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** YES, I SIGNED UP FOR 16.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE IT? YOU DID? I HAVE IT CHECKED  
13 OFF. SO THAT MEANS IT'S DONE.

14

15 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** I AM GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT HIS  
16 AREA. THIS VETERAN.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL TAKE UP 16 IF YOU WANT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE OTHER  
23 ITEM IS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
24 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 16,



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1    THANK YOU, ZEV. ARNOLD SACHS, IF YOU WANT TO COME ADDRESS 16,  
2    AS WELL. GO AHEAD, ETHEL.

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4    **ETHEL JOHNSON:** HERE'S A LETTER FROM THE VETERANS HOME OF  
5    CALIFORNIA, LANCASTER. THE NAME IS WILLIAM J. PETE KNIGHT.  
6    NOW, HE'S WANTING SOME PROPERTY AND EVERYTHING IN THAT AREA. I  
7    HAVE A VERY SICK SISTER AND FAMILY IN LANCASTER THAT'S BEEN  
8    LIVING THERE FOR 15 YEARS. BUT I'M A VETERAN. I HAVEN'T HEARD  
9    FROM ANYBODY ABOUT MY B.B.A. HEARING FROM D.C. YET. SOME  
10    THINGS WERE STOLEN FROM ME, BUT I CAN RECOVER THAT BY JUST  
11    WORKING A LITTLE AT A TIME. BUT I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU GUYS TO  
12    LOOK AT THE ISSUE, OKAY? I DON'T WANT TO SAY SOMETHING THAT I  
13    DON'T KNOW. I'M RIGHT OUT THERE IN THE FIELD. I'M OUT THERE  
14    RIGHT NOW, I'M SLEEPING IN A CAR, I'M HOMELESS. THEY TELL ME  
15    THEY CAN'T GIVE ME NO SECTION 8. I MAKE TOO MUCH MONEY. I  
16    DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY. BUT I'M OUT THERE WORKING WITH  
17    PEOPLE, YOU KNOW. AND THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT  
18    MAKES LITTLE MOVIES. I MAKE A LITTLE, YOU KNOW, MAYBE \$10 OR  
19    SOMETHING, DOING LITTLE BITTY CDS, JUST TO KEEP ME OUT OF  
20    PROBLEMS. MY RECORD IS CLEAN. THEY GAVE ME 10 WARRANTS. I DID  
21    THEM. I STAYED IN JAIL 7 DAYS AND CLEAR EVERYTHING UP. BUT MY  
22    MIND IS TO GO TO SACRAMENTO. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. I DO  
23    HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR. BUT I THINK THE COUNTY  
24    SHOULD CHECK THIS OUT ABOUT ALL THIS MONEY. I MEAN, THEM  
25    PEOPLE LAYING ON THE STREETS AND EVERYTHING. THIS PROGRAM IS A



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1 GOOD PROGRAM. I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU. THIS IS IT. I WORK  
2 TEN MONTHS, OKAY? CHECK THINGS OUT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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6 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** BYE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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10 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** CHECK IT OUT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. JUST  
15 VERY QUICKLY. THIS IS YOU'RE GETTING INCREASE OF \$10,740,000  
16 FOR FUNDING FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
17 SERVICES. WHAT WOULD BE THE -- IS THERE A WAY TO FIND OUT -- I  
18 GUESS I SHOULD HAVE CHECKED. IS THERE A WAY TO FIND OUT THE  
19 NUMBER OF FUND PROGRAMS, NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE INVOLVED  
20 IN THIS HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO NATURAL AND MANMADE  
21 DISASTERS AND NUMBER OF HOSPITALS AND NUMBER OF PROGRAMS, AND  
22 TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FUNDED FOR THOSE PROGRAMS IN THOSE  
23 CORRESPONDING HOSPITALS. WOULD THAT BE AVAILABLE ONLINE?

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT SHOULD BE ONLINE.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. I'LL CHECK IT OUT. AND I'LL LET YOU  
3 KNOW. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN ON ITEM 16. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
6 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
7 ORDERED. ITEM NO. 10, ARNOLD, YOU ADDRESSED NO. 10, TOO,  
8 RIGHT? YOU ALREADY ADDRESSED THAT, RIGHT? YOU WERE ELOQUENT.  
9 YOU DIDN'T? OH, I MUST HAVE MISSED IT. SIR, WOULD YOU ADDRESS  
10 10 WHILE YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE? UNLESS YOU JUST WANT TO TALK TO  
11 MR. WHEATCROFT ABOUT IT, OTHERWISE FEEL FREE TO. ALL RIGHT. SO  
12 WE'VE ACTED ON ITEM 16.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU KNOW, AS THEY SAY, I WAS BORN LATE AT NIGHT  
15 BUT NOT LAST NIGHT, RIGHT? OKAY?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, I GOT THAT.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AFTERNOON MEETINGS YOU TRY TO SNEAK ALL THIS  
20 STUFF BY. NO, VERY QUICKLY, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT PUBLIC  
21 WORKS IS GOING TO TRY AND SET UP A PROGRAM FOR GENERATED  
22 SHARPS WASTE WHICH INCLUDE NEEDLES WHICH COME FROM HOME  
23 MEDICATION AND WHATEVER. BUT IN ADDITION, SINCE YOU'RE  
24 CONCERNED ABOUT THESE WASTES GOING TO THE LANDFILL, WOULD IT  
25 BEHOOVE THE COUNTY BOARD TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE



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1 WONDERFUL LIGHT BULBS THAT ARE BEING MADE NOW THAT CONTAIN  
2 MERCURY? I KNOW THERE WAS A STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. IT'S A  
5 SEPARATE ISSUE, THOUGH. THIS IS THE ONE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
6 SAFETY TO --

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT EVENTUALLY, IT WILL COME TO PASS WHERE IN  
9 FIVE YEARS OR SIX YEARS FROM NOW, THE NUMBER OF LIGHT BULBS  
10 THAT ARE BEING GENERATED WILL BE HEADING OUT THE DOOR AND INTO  
11 TRASH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL HOPEFULLY THE SUCCESS OF A PROGRAM  
14 LIKE THIS WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS IN OTHER AREAS FOR OUR  
15 LANDFILLS. SO WE APPRECIATE IT.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE LIGHT IS ALWAYS ON HERE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE LIGHT IS ALWAYS ON. THE  
20 CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. DON'T LEAVE YET, ARNOLD. SECONDED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 14?  
22 ITEM 14. OKAY. I WOULD ASK ARNOLD SACHS AND PATRICK O'ROURKE,  
23 SORRY. PATRICK, IF YOU'LL JOIN US, PLEASE. ARNOLD?

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, ITEM 14. AGAIN, I DON'T MEAN TO JUMP ON  
2   THIS DEAD HORSE BECAUSE IT WAS JUST RECENTLY IN THE NEWSPAPER  
3   ANOTHER ARTICLE REGARDING CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. MY  
4   CONCERN IS MORE OR LESS YOU JUST APPOINTED A COUNSEL TO  
5   INVESTIGATE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE PERSON THAT  
6   YOU APPOINTED WAS THE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AND  
7   NOW SHE'S GOING TO INVESTIGATE HERSELF. AND SHE MAY BE THE  
8   MOST QUALIFIED PERSON IN THE WORLD, BUT I JUST SEE THAT AS  
9   STAYING IN-HOUSE WITH IN-HOUSE PROBLEMS. THAT'S NUMBER ONE.  
10   NUMBER TWO, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE AGAIN, AND IT WAS NEVER  
11   ADDRESSED, REGARDING THE STAFFING NEEDS FOR BRINGING DOWN THE  
12   RATIO OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES WORKER TO CLIENT. AND IT  
13   WAS ALMOST THAT TO HIRE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WOULD  
14   HAVE AMOUNTED TO SPENDING \$18 MILLION, ALMOST \$100,000 PER  
15   EMPLOYEE. AND AGAIN, NEVER ADDRESSED. THESE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE  
16   QUOTED BY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17   OFFICIALS, AND JUST WAXED OVER. IS THAT THE APPROPRIATE  
18   STARTING SALARY FOR SOMEBODY TO ADDRESS? SOMEBODY WHO IS GOING  
19   TO WORK IN CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WOULD THE APPROPRIATE  
20   SALARY BE AT LEAST OVER \$100,000 FOR NEW HIRE TO ADDRESS THE  
21   RATIO OF BRINGING DOWN THE WORKERS' CASELOADS TO AN  
22   APPROPRIATE NUMBER? I'D LIKE YOU TO ADDRESS THOSE BEFORE YOU  
23   ADDRESS REASSIGNING POSITIONS AND GOING DOWN THAT AVENUE.  
24   ADDRESS THE AVENUE OF THE RATIO OF REALLOCATING THE FUNDS FOR  
25   THE RATIO TO BE SUCCESSFUL.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PATRICK?

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4 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YEAH. I OPPOSE THE RAISING OF WAGES FOR  
5 PEOPLE WHO ARE PERFORMING POORLY. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS  
6 COMPLAINTS ABOUT D.C.F.S., NOT ONLY IN L.A. COUNTY BUT ACROSS  
7 THE NATION. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PERFORMS POORLY. AT THIS POINT  
8 IN TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT YOU TO TWO WEEKS AGO, YOU  
9 REFERRED ME TO CONVERSE WITH YOUR LIAISON AND THEN I WAS  
10 DIRECTED TO TALK TO, EVENTUALLY, TO TALK TO HELEN MAXWELL AND  
11 GARY KIRKLAND OF THE WEST L.A. OFFICE. NOW, THEY CHANGED THEIR  
12 EXCUSE THREE TIMES ON WHY MY DAUGHTER WASN'T EXAMINED 20 HOURS  
13 AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SHE MAY HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED. NOW,  
14 I WAS GANGED UP ON OVER A SPEAKERPHONE, YELLED AT, AND I AM  
15 JUST FED UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE NOT PERFORMED  
16 CLEARLY. THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY MISUSED FUNDS. I MEAN, I DIRECT  
17 YOU WITHIN THE PAST YEAR TO \$100,000 USED FOR ACCIDENT  
18 REPORTS, INCLUDING ONE PERSON THAT SPENT -- THAT ASKED FOR  
19 \$10,000 IN WHAT A POLICE REPORT STATED WAS A MINOR FENDER-  
20 BENDER. AND THE PANTAGES INCIDENT, WHERE LESS THAN A THIRD OF  
21 THE CHILDREN WERE TAKEN AND THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WERE  
22 D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THIS IS AN ABUSE OF  
23 POWER. AND THEY'RE USING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND THE  
24 COURTS AND THE LAW TO GO AHEAD AND COVER THEMSELVES. THEY'RE  
25 WORSE THAN RAMPART. AND I REALLY, REALLY BRING YOUR ATTENTION



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1 TO THE FACT THAT ANY ABUSE OF A MINOR, ANY SEXUAL MOLESTATION  
2 OR INJURY OF A MINOR IS A CLASS A FELONY. BY PROTECTING THESE  
3 WORKERS, CONTRACTORS, WHICH ARE FOSTER PARENTS AND OTHERS,  
4 THEY ARE IN COLLUSION AND THEY ARE GUILTY OF THE SAME ACTION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE ITEM. I  
7 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BUT THAT'S NOT THE ITEM.

8

9 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I AM ASKING THAT YOU DON'T RAISE THEIR  
10 FUNDS. THAT YOU DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY INCENTIVE FOR PERFORMING  
11 POORLY WHILE THEY'RE UNDER REVIEW.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS AN ORDINANCE CHANGE. THIS IS NOT  
14 RAISING ANYBODY'S SALARY.

15

16 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** AN ORDINANCE CHANGE. AND I READ SOMEWHERE  
17 WHERE YOU WERE ASKING FOR A CHANGE IN SALARY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. IF YOU'LL  
20 STAY RIGHT HERE, MR. O'ROURKE BECAUSE YOU ALSO SIGNED UP FOR  
21 ITEM 30. BUT FOR ITEM 14, 14 AND 30 ARE RELATED. OKAY. MR.  
22 SACHS AND MR. O'ROURKE, ITEM 30 IS BEFORE US? I KNOW YOU JUST  
23 SPOKE ABOUT IT, ARNOLD. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO COME SPEAK  
24 AGAIN, BUT ITEM 30 IS RELATED TO 14. OKAY. THANK YOU.

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1   **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** LEVEL SIX SALARIES.

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3   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. OKAY. MOVED BY  
4   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. THAT'S ITEM 14 AND  
5   ITEM 30. SO ORDERED. WE HAVE ITEM 32 LEFT, IS THAT CORRECT?  
6   ITEM 32. SIGN UP FOR 32? THAT'S A DISCUSSION ITEM. ALL RIGHT.

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8   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MARTIN'S COMING UP. HE'LL PROVIDE SOME  
9   INFORMATION. GO AHEAD AND THEN I'LL HAVE SOME FINAL COMMENTS.

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11   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. A COUPLE WEEKS  
12   AGO, THE COMMISSION ON THE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY ISSUED THEIR  
13   REPORT. THIS WAS PURSUANT TO AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING THIS  
14   BIPARTISAN COMMISSION EXAMINE CALIFORNIA'S REVENUE SYSTEM AND  
15   UPDATE IT TO TRY AND ESTABLISH A MORE STABLE REVENUE SYSTEM TO  
16   SORT OF AVOID THE FEAST AND FAMINE CYCLES THAT WE'VE SEEN IN  
17   MANY RECENT YEARS. THE COMMISSION WAS COMPRISED OF 14 MEMBERS,  
18   7 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, 7 APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATURE.  
19   AS I SAID, THEY DID ISSUE THEIR REPORT A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. THE  
20   COMMENTS WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE TODAY. PLUS THE REPORT WE  
21   ISSUED, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY PRELIMINARY BECAUSE THERE REALLY  
22   HASN'T BEEN ENOUGH TIME TO EXAMINE SOMETHING THIS SUBSTANTIAL.  
23   THE COMMISSION CAME UP WITH SOME VERY DRAMATIC, VERY FAR  
24   REACHING RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO  
25   SORT THROUGH IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPACTS. THERE'S TWO MAJOR



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1 AREAS OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT. ONE INCLUDING  
2 STATUTORY CHANGES, ONE INCLUDING CHANGES THAT WOULD REQUIRE  
3 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. IN THE STATUTORY SECTION, THERE ARE  
4 CONSIDERABLE IMPACTS UPON INCOME TAX AND SALES TAX. THE  
5 CURRENT INCOME TAXES IN THE STATE, THE VARIOUS -- ALL THE  
6 VARIOUS RATES, THOSE WOULD BE REPLACED BY SIMPLY TWO RATES:  
7 THOSE EARNING UP TO \$28,000 A YEAR, OR \$56,000 A YEAR FOR  
8 JOINT FILERS. THEY WOULD PAY AN INCOME TAX OF 2.75 PERCENT.  
9 ANYONE EARNING ABOVE THAT WOULD BE TAXED AT A 6.5 PERCENT  
10 RATE. OVERALL, ACROSS-THE-BOARD, TAKING ALL REDUCTIONS INTO  
11 ACCOUNT, THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT A 29 PERCENT REDUCTION IN  
12 THE SALES TAX THAT PEOPLE PAY. IT WOULD ELIMINATE THE  
13 CORPORATION TAX AND THE MINIMUM TAX. CURRENTLY, THERE IS AN  
14 8.84 PERCENT CORPORATE TAX AND AN \$800 MINIMUM FRANCHISE TAX.  
15 THESE WOULD BOTH BE ELIMINATED. ALL OF THESE CHANGES WOULD, IF  
16 THEY WERE APPROVED, BE PHASED IN OVER A SEVERAL-YEAR BASIS.  
17 THERE WOULD BE ELIMINATION OF THE STATE GENERAL PURPOSE SALES  
18 TAX. THAT'S 5 PERCENT OF THE TAX THAT THE STATE COLLECTS. THAT  
19 WOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE STATE WOULD NO LONGER COLLECT THAT  
20 FOR THEIR OWN COFFERS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SALES TAX ON GAS  
21 AND DIESEL, WHICH WOULD BE DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION.  
22 FINALLY, IN ONE OF THE MOST PROBABLY FAR REACHING AND  
23 COMPLICATED ELEMENTS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS, THEY WOULD  
24 ESTABLISH A NEW BUSINESS NET RECEIPTS TAX. THIS WOULD NOT  
25 EXCEED 4 PERCENT AND IT WOULD APPLY BROADLY TO MOST BUSINESS



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1 TRANSACTIONS. WHILE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH LESS THAN \$500,000  
2 IN ANNUAL RECEIPTS WOULD BE EXEMPT, IT WOULD APPLY NOT ONLY TO  
3 GOODS, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY TAXED SALES TAX, BUT IT WOULD APPLY  
4 TO SERVICES. PLUS IT WOULD APPLY TO GOODS SOLD BY ENTITIES  
5 OUTSIDE THE STATE WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THIS WOULD  
6 BE NOT ONLY OUT OF STATE FIRMS BUT INTERNET FIRMS, AS WELL. IT  
7 WOULD ALSO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT TAX DISPUTE FORUM FOR  
8 TAXPAYERS TO ADDRESS CONFLICTS RESOLVING DISPUTES WITH THE  
9 STATE. IN THE OTHER SECTION, THE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CHANGES,  
10 THEY WANT TO INCREASE THE RAINY DAY FUND FROM ITS CURRENT 5  
11 PERCENT OF REVENUES TO 12.5 PERCENT OF REVENUES AND  
12 DRASTICALLY RESTRICT THE STATE'S ABILITY TO USE THAT MONEY FOR  
13 ANYTHING BUT RECESSIONARY PERIODS, RAINY DAY PERIODS. AS TO  
14 THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS? EVEN AT THE DRAFT STAGE, BECAUSE DRAFT  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN LEAKING OUT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL  
16 WEEKS, EVEN A COUPLE MONTHS, THERE IS BROAD DISAGREEMENT AS TO  
17 THE IMPACTS AND TO THE ESTIMATES OF HOW THESE THINGS WOULD  
18 IMPACT THE STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND CERTAINLY  
19 SOMETHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO STAY VERY  
20 TUNED IN, IS GOING TO BE AT THE TABLE, IS GOING TO BE WORKING  
21 WITH OUR PARTNERS AT C.S.A.C., URBAN COUNTIES, OTHER STATE  
22 ENTITIES, OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AND THE LEGISLATURE CERTAINLY,  
23 THROUGH OUR ADVOCATES TO INSURE THAT WE'RE PROTECTED. WHILE  
24 THE INTENT AS STATED BY THE COMMISSION IS TO BE REVENUE  
25 NEUTRAL AND TO HAVE A SAFETY MECHANISM PROTECTING LOCAL





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1 GOVERNMENT, IT'S REALLY UNKNOWN WHAT OVER TIME THESE CHANGES  
2 COULD -- WHAT KIND OF CHANGES IT COULD GENERATE, WHAT KIND OF  
3 IMPACTS THERE COULD BE. FOR ONE THING, IT REDUCES THE STATE'S  
4 RELIANCE ON THE TWO SOURCES OF REVENUE, WHICH HAVE GROWN THE  
5 FASTEST, PERSONAL INCOME AND CORPORATION TAXES, LEAVING THE  
6 STATE RELIANT ON REVENUES TO GROW FAR MORE SLOWLY. OBVIOUSLY A  
7 CONCERN HERE IS THAT SHOULD IT NOT BE REVENUE NEUTRAL FOR THE  
8 STATE AND THE STATE STARTS FINDING THEMSELVES IN A DEFICIT  
9 SITUATION, THEY COULD VERY WELL TURN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS  
10 THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. AS THEY CURRENTLY ARE DOING THROUGH  
11 PROP 1-A. OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE VERY CONCERNED, NOT ONLY IN TERMS  
12 OF OUR GENERAL FUND REVENUES, BUT THERE IS MANY COUNTY  
13 DEPARTMENTS THAT RELY HEAVILY ON SUBVENED REVENUES, SO WE  
14 WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED THAT THE STATE, THAT THIS IS REVENUE  
15 NEUTRAL TO THE STATE AND THAT THOSE DEPARTMENTS NOT BE  
16 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. IN TERMS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AND  
17 EMPLOYEES, THE IMPACTS UPON THEM, CERTAINLY ONE THING IS THEY  
18 PAY A LOT LESS SALES TAX. IN L.A. COUNTY, WE CURRENTLY PAY  
19 9.75. WE WOULD PAY 4.75 PERCENT SALES TAX UNDER -- IF THESE  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ENACTED. HOWEVER, YOU WOULD BE PAYING  
21 SALES TAX NOW ON SERVICES, WHICH YOU DON'T CURRENTLY. AND YOU  
22 WOULD BE PAYING SALES TAX ON THINGS YOU BUY ON THE INTERNET OR  
23 FROM OUT OF STATE. AND THERE IS NO, I DON'T THINK, ANY  
24 THOROUGHLY CONVINCING, WIDELY ENDORSED ANALYSIS THAT SUGGESTS  
25 HOW THAT WOULD IMPACT MOST PEOPLE, WHETHER THAT WOULD BE A





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1 WASH, WHETHER THAT WOULD BE MORE -- THEY'D END UP PAYING MORE  
2 OR LESS. CERTAINLY THE IMPACTS UPON BUSINESSES. THAT'S VERY,  
3 VERY IMPORTANT. IT CREATES THIS NEW BUSINESS NET RECEIPTS TAX,  
4 AND THE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES, WHETHER IT ACTS AS A  
5 DISINCENTIVE FOR BUSINESSES TO COME HERE AND STAY HERE, ALL OF  
6 THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT. FINALLY, THE CHANGE TO INCOME  
7 TAX. BECAUSE HIGHER WAGE EARNERS, THOSE EARNING ABOVE \$75,000  
8 A YEAR, CURRENTLY PROVIDE ABOUT 93 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S  
9 TOTAL INCOME TAX, THEY WOULD ENJOY A DISPROPORTIONATE  
10 REDUCTION IN TAXES PAID UNDER THESE PROPOSALS. IN FACT, THEIR  
11 TAXES WOULD GO DOWN BY ABOUT 30 PERCENT, WHEREAS THOSE EARNING  
12 LESS THAN THAT AMOUNT WOULD SEE THEIR TAXES REDUCED ABOUT 14  
13 PERCENT. SO IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ENACTED, YOU WOULD  
14 HAVE A LESS PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX SYSTEM. THOSE ARE PRETTY  
15 MUCH THE IMPACTS, THE KIND OF ISSUES WE'VE IDENTIFIED SO FAR.  
16 AS I SAID, THESE ARE VERY FAR REACHING. THEIR IMPACTS REALLY  
17 ARE TOO COMPLICATED TO BE ABLE TO WORK OUT RIGHT NOW. THERE IS  
18 NO CONSENSUS ANALYSIS OUT THERE AT THIS POINT AS TO THE KIND  
19 OF IMPACTS THEY'LL HAVE. THE LEGISLATURE DID START WITH  
20 INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS LAST WEEK ON OCTOBER 9TH. BUT THAT WAS  
21 REALLY JUST FOR THE COMMISSION TO SORT OF PRESENT THEIR  
22 FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN NO LEGISLATIVE  
23 HEARING SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED YET OR NO VEHICLE TO INTRODUCE  
24 THESE INTO STATUTE AT THIS POINT. AS I SAID, WE'LL BE  
25 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS



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1 AND ORGANIZATIONS AND UPDATE YOUR BOARD THROUGH OUR REGULAR  
2 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. BILL, YOU WANTED TO?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO, I THINK MARTIN TOUCHED ALL THE VERY  
5 IMPORTANT PIECES. THE ONE CONCERN THAT WE ALSO HAD THAT HE  
6 TOUCHED ON ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS THIS NEW BUSINESS TAX. IF  
7 IN FACT THIS ECONOMY IS GOING TO REBOUND AND, WITH THAT, GROW,  
8 THEN IT SEEMS ODD THAT WE WOULD DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD STIFLE  
9 SOME OF THE CORE ELEMENTS OF THE ECONOMY. BUT THAT'S IT. IF  
10 THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT? IF NOT,  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANKS, MARTIN.

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17 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** SURE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I LIKE HOW THEY REARRANGED ALL THE TAX  
20 COLLECTION. LIKE BUSINESSES PAY TAXES. THEY COLLECT TAXES AND  
21 PASS THEM ON TO US. ANYWAY, OKAY, I THINK THAT TAKES CARE OF.  
22 -- THAT'S A RECEIVE AND FILE. AND NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS?  
23 IS THAT CORRECT? WE HAVE NO ONE ON PUBLIC COMMENTS? THAT WAS A  
24 JOKE. ALL RIGHT. MARY ANN SUSHINSKY. HILLARIE LEVY. OSCAR  
25 JOHNSON AND SAKKARA THOMAS. THE FIRST FOUR? WHILE THEY ARE



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1 SITTING DOWN, MR. C.E.O., ANY WORD ON S.B.67? YOU ARE TALKING  
2 TO RON. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING? BILL, RYAN? ANY WORD ON S.B.67?  
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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HEARD THAT THE ACTUAL HEARING WILL TAKE  
5 PLACE TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:00. IT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT  
6 AT 6:00, BUT WE HEARD THAT THE SENATE PRO TEM CHANGED IT TO  
7 9:00 TOMORROW. WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. OKAY. MARY ANN, IF  
10 YOU'D LIKE TO GO FIRST, PLEASE.

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12 **MARY ANN SUSHINSKY:** YES, HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS  
13 MARY ANN SUSHINSKY. I LIVE IN THE FAIRFAX DISTRICT OF LOS  
14 ANGELES. AND I'M WITH O.V.C. L.A., WHICH STANDS FOR OPEN  
15 VOTING CONSORTIUM LOS ANGELES. WE ARE A GROUP THAT WANTS TO  
16 SEE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADOPT A MORE TRANSPARENT, SECURE,  
17 RELIABLE, AND COST-EFFECTIVE VOTING SYSTEM. I AM AWARE THAT  
18 REGISTRAR-RECORDER DEAN LOGAN SEEKS TO REPLACE THE ANTIQUATED  
19 AND OBSOLETE VOTING SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE NOW AND THAT HE  
20 EXPECTS TO MAKE HIS RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD BY JUNE OF  
21 NEXT YEAR. SECRETARY OF STATE DEBORAH BOWEN HAS SUGGESTED THAT  
22 LOS ANGELES SHOULD LEAD THE WAY WITH AN OPEN SOURCE VOTING  
23 SYSTEM. O.V.C. REPRESENTS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT, WE  
24 BELIEVE. THE O.V.C. SYSTEM UTILIZES FREE-OF-COST OPEN SOURCE  
25 SOFTWARE COUPLED WITH INEXPENSIVE AND READILY AVAILABLE



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1 COMMODITY HARDWARE. THE VOTER MAKES SELECTIONS ON A TOUCH  
2 SCREEN AND PRINTS OUT A FINISHED BALLOT ON THE SPOT IN THE  
3 VOTING BOOTH. ANOTHER FEATURE IS THAT THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS  
4 INDEPENDENT, UNASSISTED VOTING BY DISABLED VOTERS AND MULTI-  
5 LANGUAGE BALLOTS TO SERVE ALL OF L.A.'S LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES.  
6 THE OVC SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH NOT YET CERTIFIED, HAS BEEN WIDELY  
7 DEMONSTRATED AND ACCLAIMED. THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE  
8 HAS PROMINENTLY CITED OPEN VOTING CONSORTIUM IN THEIR 2005  
9 REPORT, WHICH I'VE SUBMITTED TO YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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13 **MARY ANN SUSHINSKY:** OKAY, 8-1/2 YEARS AGO, SUPERVISOR  
14 ANTONOVICH REQUESTED THAT CONNIE MCCORMACK, MR. LOGAN'S  
15 PREDECESSOR, CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF  
16 AN IDEA PROPOSED BY SUBMITTED BY ALAN DECKERT FOR A NEW VOTING  
17 SYSTEM. THAT'S ALSO IN THE SUBMISSIONS TO YOU. THAT IDEA  
18 BECAME THE O.V.C. IDEA, WHEN O.V.C. WAS FOUNDED BY MR. ALAN  
19 DECKERT IN 2003. BUT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MR. DECKERT'S  
20 IDEA, REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WAS NEVER DONE. HOW  
21 CAN THE BOARD MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION WITHOUT THIS WORK? HOW  
22 CAN MR. LOGAN MAKE AN INFORMED RECOMMENDATION UNLESS HE  
23 CONDUCTS THE NECESSARY FEASIBILITY STUDY? MR. DECKERT AND  
24 O.V.C. HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LOS ANGELES OFFICIALS FOR  
25 YEARS NOW. THE MOST RECENT MEETING BETWEEN MR. DECKERT AND MR.



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1 LOGAN WAS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO, AT WHICH MR. DECKERT PRESENTED  
2 A DETAILED PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. MODERATE  
3 FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED TO SET UP THE TRIALS WITH  
4 REPRESENTATIVE DATA. BUT O.V.C. HAS ALL THE SKILL AND  
5 KNOWLEDGE TO ASSIST THE COUNTY WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
6 SYSTEM. O.V.C. L.A. STRONGLY URGES THAT THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS RECOMMEND TO REGISTRAR LOGAN THAT HE ACCEPT THE  
8 PROPOSAL FROM O.V.C. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT A FULLY INFORMED  
9 RECOMMENDATION CAN BE MADE. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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13 **IRENE PANG:** YES. MY NAME IS IRENE. GOOD AFTERNOON. I KNOW YOU  
14 ARE DISCUSSING ABOUT THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON, EVERYTHING..

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

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18 **IRENE PANG:** IRENE PANG.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HADN'T CALLED YOU UP, BUT GO RIGHT  
21 AHEAD.

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23 **IRENE PANG:** I'D LIKE TO DISCUSSING ABOUT YOU RECOGNIZE  
24 EVERYTHING HAVING HAPPENED IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAPPEN TO  
25 THE DIFFERENT TOWN AND CITY OF UNITED STATES. EVEN THOUGH IN



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1 LOS ANGELES, L.A., DOWNTOWN L.A., MY BROTHER AND MY BROTHER'S  
2 FAMILY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM CRIMES. AND EVEN THOUGH IN THE  
3 COMMISSION CENTER, HOMELESS CENTER, THEY CALL THE COMMISSION.  
4 [INAUDIBLE] FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRY IN THERE THEY ARE LIVING IN  
5 THERE AND WEAR MY BROTHER'S CLOTHING AND MY SISTER [INAUDIBLE]  
6 CLOTHING. AND THEY'RE SLEEPING [INAUDIBLE] ALSO THEY TAKE AWAY  
7 IN THERE TO GIVE DONATE TO THE PEOPLE THOSE FOREIGN PEOPLE.  
8 AND THEN I, I SAID, "THEY BELONG TO MY BROTHER'S FAMILY AND  
9 THE CHILDREN." WHEN THEY ARE TAKING OUT HOW THEY IN THE  
10 WINTER, HOW CAN THEY LIVING? AND ALSO THEY ARE CAUSE THEM,  
11 LIKE CLOSING THEIR STORE. ALSO SELLING THEIR CLOTHING BELONG  
12 TO THEM. EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY BELONG TO THE GOVERNMENT  
13 MANAGEMENT FOR THE FOREIGN [INAUDIBLE]. THE WEAR MY BROTHER,  
14 FAMILY MEMBERS, THEIR CLOSING. EVEN THOUGH THEY KEEP IN HERE  
15 MY BROTHER IMMIGRANT UNITED STATES MORE THAN 30 YEARS AND  
16 THEIR CHILDREN WENT GO TO SCHOOL IN THE WINTER, WHEN THEY GET  
17 UP, THEIR CLOTHING, NO CLOTHING, NO SHOE. EVEN THOUGH THEY  
18 JUST, THE FOOD THEY GO TO IN THE WINTER AND THE STUDENT IS  
19 DEFINITELY LAUGHING AT HIM. AND THAT KIND OF SITUATION HAPPEN  
20 AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE NEED THE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES  
21 [INAUDIBLE] RECEIVE THE SUPPORT AND AND YOU ASK THE QUESTION,  
22 GOING ON? EVEN THOUGH YOUR COUNTIES THEY SUPPORT THOSE REFUGEE  
23 PROGRAM. HOW COME THE VICTIMS, THEY'RE WORKING HARD AND THEIR  
24 HONEST PAYS, AND FAMILIES WORKING HARD BY THEIR EARNING THEIR  
25 SALARY. [INAUDIBLE] HOW CAN THEY CHOOSE AND THEY FIND IT



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1 BECOMES SO TRAGIC? AND I REALLY NEED ALL YOUR GUY AND  
2 SUPERVISOR AND EVERYONE IN THE UNITED STATES NATION, ALL THE  
3 CITIZENS OF OTHER NATION IN SUPPORT AND CONCERN AND  
4 INVESTIGATION. AND ALSO THEY ALSO --

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP.

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8 **IRENE PANG:** [INAUDIBLE]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. IS THERE SOMEONE FROM  
11 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES THAT CAN TALK TO MISS PANG? WE WE'LL  
12 GET SOMEBODY FROM PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.

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14 **IRENE PANG:** YEAH, I HAD OTHER THING ALSO, DISCUSSING ABOUT.  
15 AND LISTEN UP.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR THREE MINUTES.

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19 **IRENE PANG:** LAST NIGHT, IN THE BUSH AT THE HOUSE. OKAY, IN EL  
20 MONTE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MISS LEVY? WE'LL GET SOMEBODY FROM  
23 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. RIGHT OVER HERE, PLEASE.

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25 **IRENE PANG:** OKAY, THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

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4 **HILLARIE LEVY:** THE RECENT L.A. TIMES ARTICLE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF, PLEASE?

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8 **HILLARIE LEVY:** HUH?

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET US HAVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD,  
11 PLEASE.

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13 **HILLARIE LEVY:** OH. MY NAME IS HILLARIE LEVY. THE RECENT L.A.  
14 TIMES ARTICLE REGARDING YET ANOTHER L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE  
15 WORKING DESPITE PROVEN CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, ALONG WITH DETAILING  
16 L.A. COUNTY'S CONTINUED DEPLORABLE EXCUSES. NUMBER 1, THE  
17 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE JOB. NUMBER 2,  
18 VETERAN EMPLOYEES FALL OUTSIDE RULES OF REQUIRING BACKGROUND  
19 CHECKS. IN MY DYING DAUGHTER'S CASE, HER BOSS, A SENIOR FIELD  
20 DEPUTY AT AN L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S CALABASAS OFFICE  
21 UTILIZED COUNTY MATERIALS ON COUNTY PROPERTY DURING HER WORK  
22 HOURS TO MANIPULATE MY DAUGHTER, WHO WAS A CO-WORKER, INTO  
23 SIGNING CONTROL OF HER ALMOST \$1 MILLION ESTATE, THE RESULT OF  
24 A KAISER MALPRACTICE ARBITRATION, OVER TO HER AND HER  
25 THERAPIST FRIEND, AND ALSO TOOK MY DAUGHTER'S MORPHINE WHICH



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1 CONTROLLED HER CANCER PAIN. ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING MY  
2 DAUGHTER'S DATE CALENDAR STATING "BRING SUSAN MORPHINE," WERE  
3 TURNED OVER TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD USED EXCUSE NO. 1, HIRED  
4 AN ATTORNEY TO THREATEN ME AS WELL AS BANNING ME FROM SPEAKING  
5 AT BOARD MEETINGS, A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. THE EXCUSE BY  
6 THE BOARD RESULTED IN THIS EMPLOYEE, A MEMBER OF THE SANTA  
7 MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION, FAILING TO FILE A STATEMENT  
8 OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, A VIOLATION RESULTING IN A 2008 HEARING  
9 AND FINED BY THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION. AGAIN,  
10 DOCUMENTS WERE RECEIVED AND IGNORED BY THE BOARD. THIS 15-YEAR  
11 EMPLOYEE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER VETERAN EMPLOYEES, IS ABLE TO  
12 CONTINUE TO FREELY ENGAGE IN DEPLORABLE BEHAVIOR DUE TO THE  
13 MANY LOOPHOLES THE BOARD, COUNTY COUNSEL, D.A.'S OFFICE AND  
14 HUMAN RESOURCES UTILIZED TO PROTECT HER. THE BOARD MUST PLACE  
15 THE PRIORITY ON INSURING PROVISIONS ARE IN PLACE TO END  
16 CRIMINAL L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE BEHAVIOR OR FACE CONTINUING  
17 EMBARRASSING NEWS ARTICLES. YOUR CONSTITUENTS DESERVE TO BE  
18 THE PRIORITY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS, WOULD YOU JOIN  
21 US, PLEASE?

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23 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS OSCAR JOHNSON. I'M  
24 PROACTIVE. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURAL  
25 CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD AGAIN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK



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1 OBAMA, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP THAT HE'S GIVING THIS COUNTRY TODAY.  
2 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND MICHELLE OBAMA ARE TRYING TO GUIDE  
3 AMERICA IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND DO THE RIGHT THING. AND  
4 ANYONE WHO DON'T SUPPORT OUR PRESIDENT AND ELECTED OFFICIAL,  
5 HE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. ANYWAY, I KNOW PRESIDENT  
6 BARACK OBAMA'S ON B.E.T. AND HE SAID-- THE BLACK ENTERTAINMENT  
7 T.V., HE SAID HE WANT TO REMOVE ALL IMPRINTS THAT HAVE  
8 BUSINESS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY OUT AND GIVE THE BLACK  
9 COMMUNITY BACK TO THE BLACK PEOPLE. BUT I WAS THINKING IT WAS  
10 JUST TO MAKE BLACK PEOPLE FEEL GOOD. BUT ABOUT A MONTH AGO  
11 WHEN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SAID NO MORE HEALTHCARE FOR  
12 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, I THINK BROTHER'S REAL. BUT ANYWAY, WE  
13 SHOULD TRY TO END CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT, END ILLEGAL  
14 IMMIGRATION. IT'S A WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY TO SPEND MONEY ON  
15 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN SCHOOL. IT IS A WASTE ON TAXPAYER'S  
16 MONEY TO SPEND FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION THAT IS IN OUR PENAL  
17 INSTITUTIONS. WE SHOULD END THE WAR IN IRAQ. WE SHOULD END THE  
18 WAR IN AFGHANISTAN, AND BRING THE TROOPS HOME. NO ONE IN THOSE  
19 WARS IS GETTING KILLED BUT THE POOR PEOPLE'S CHILDREN. AND  
20 THAT'S UNAMERICAN. AND THE BLACK CITIZENS THAT GET KILLED,  
21 BLACK VETERANS FROM IRAQ COME HOME, THEY CAN'T FIND JOBS. WE  
22 NEED MORE RESPONSIBILITY. WE NEED TO BE MORE INFORMED OF WHAT  
23 WE'RE DOING TODAY. WE NEED MORE MORAL CONTACT. WE NEED JOBS.  
24 WE BLACK MEN NEED JOBS SO WE CAN MARRY FEMALES AND GET MARRIED  
25 AND HAVE A BETTER LIFE AND TRY BRING A BETTER SOCIETY AND A



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1 BETTER SCHOOL. WE HAVE TOO MANY CHILDREN TODAY BORN OUTSIDE OF  
2 WEDLOCK. WE NEED TO STOP DRUGS FROM RUNNING OUR STREETS. WE  
3 GOT TOO MANY ILLEGAL DRUGS, UNILLEGAL DRUGS IN OUR STREETS. WE  
4 HAVE ILLEGAL DRUGS COMING FROM CANADA TO AMERICA ENDING UP IN  
5 THE BLACK COMMUNITY ON THE PHARMACY SHELF. THEY ARE CALLED  
6 GENERIC DRUGS WITH LITTLE EFFECTS IN IT. AND WAL-MART GOT A  
7 SALE NOW ON GENERIC DRUGS NOW \$1 A WEEK. THEY DON'T CARE  
8 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. BUT ANYWAY, WE SHOULD  
9 END OUR HEALTH CARE. WE WAS TALKING ABOUT HEALTH CARE, BUT WE  
10 FIND CORRUPTION HAVE TAKEN OVER OUR SITUATION TODAY. WE ARE  
11 PUTTING PROFIT BEFORE HEALTH. AND IT'S A SHAME WE LIVE IN  
12 SOCIETY TODAY THAT THE MINORITY IS 60 PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN  
13 WORKFORCE AND 40 PERCENT OF THE MINORITIES ARE MAKING MINIMUM  
14 WAGES. WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE OTHER PART OF SOCIETY? WE SHOULD  
15 TRY TO FIND A WAY TO UNITE AND WORK TOGETHER AND WE SHOULD TRY  
16 TO FIND A WAY TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SO WE CAN TRY  
17 TO HAVE A BETTER SOCIETY AND A BETTER WAY OF LIFE AND TRY TO  
18 DO WHAT AMERICA'S CONSTITUTION SAID TO DO. ONE COUNTRY TO  
19 UNITY, TOGETHER WE STAND AND DIVIDED WE FALL.

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21 **SAKKARA THOMAS:** MY NAME IS SAKKARA THOMAS. I JUST WANTED TO  
22 COME AND REPORT BACK. I MET HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND I  
23 WANTED TO COME AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY  
24 CONCERNS AND THE FOLLOWUP THAT YOU PROVIDED THROUGH YOUR  
25 OFFICE AND THROUGH MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE. OUR PROGRAM,



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1 THE QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN ROYALTY, IS  
2 CELEBRATING ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. WE STARTED IN  
3 1999 AT THE PYRAMID AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH TO INTRODUCE  
4 CHILDREN TO CULTURE AND COLLEGE. AND I'M PLEASED TO INFORM YOU  
5 THAT SINCE THAT TIME, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRING 50,000 CHILDREN  
6 BETWEEN CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND U.S.C. AND WE'RE INTERESTED  
7 IN CONTINUING THIS PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN. CURRENTLY IT IS  
8 BEING CONSIDERED AS A PART OF THE SIXTH GRADE ANCIENT WORLD  
9 HISTORY CURRICULUM FOR L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WE  
10 HAVE ALSO RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF  
11 EDUCATION. SO THAT IS MY REPORT FOR TODAY. I'LL BE FOLLOWING  
12 UP WITH GAIL TIERNEY, AND WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THIS SOME MORE  
13 AND I'LL REPORT BACK TO YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. THANK YOU FOR  
16 SHARING. ARNOLD SACHS?

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. BE AFRAID.  
19 BE VERY, VERY AFRAID. I WAS JUST LOOKING IN TODAY'S DOWNTOWN  
20 NEWS. THERE IS A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT  
21 WEEK REGARDING THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN RAIL SYSTEM. LOS ANGELES  
22 TO SAN DIEGO VIA THE INLAND EMPIRE SECTION. I JUST WENT TO  
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIR AND GOVERNANCE MEETING AT THE  
24 BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH. AND SOMEBODY FROM ORANGE COUNTY  
25 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY GAVE A TREMENDOUS PRESENTATION



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1 REGARDING THEM SPENDING \$180 SOME ODD MILLION TO BUILD A BRAND  
2 NEW MULTI-PURPOSE STATION IN ANAHEIM FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL.  
3 NOW, THIS CALIFORNIA RAIL TO LOS ANGELES VIA THE INLAND EMPIRE  
4 SECTION DOESN'T GO THROUGH ANAHEIM. IT GOES THROUGH CORONA. IT  
5 GOES THROUGH MARIETTA. IT GOES TO ESCONDIDO. THEN INTO SAN  
6 DIEGO. SO THE QUESTION IS, IF ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION  
7 AUTHORITY IS BUILDING A BRAND NEW TERMINUS FOR THE HIGH SPEED  
8 RAIL, AND ACCORDING TO THEM IT IS THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE  
9 HIGH SPEED RAIL SYSTEM THAT WOULD GO FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO  
10 SACRAMENTO, THROUGH LOS ANGELES, THIS IS ANOTHER RAIL LINE  
11 SEPARATE FROM THESE SCOPING HEARINGS. SO NOW THERE ARE TWO  
12 HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES GOING TO GO THROUGH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
13 MAYBE. ONE THROUGH RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND PARTS OF ORANGE COUNTY  
14 INTO SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND ONE FROM LOS ANGELES INTO ANAHEIM.  
15 MAYBE THERE'S THREE HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES TO BE DISCUSSED.  
16 MAYBE THERE'S FOUR HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES TO BE DISCUSSED.  
17 MAYBE THERE'S 17 HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES TO BE DISCUSSED LIKE  
18 THERE WERE WITH THE SUBWAY TO THE SEA, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO  
19 GO DOWN WILSHIRE BOULEVARD. MAYBE WE'RE GOING TO BE IN A  
20 DEFICIT ON STUDIES FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES LIKE WE ARE  
21 WITH THE RAIL SYSTEM IN THE L.A. COUNTY. WE SEEM TO HAVE A LOT  
22 OF MONEY FOR THESE STUDIES, BUT NO CONSENSUS ON WHERE TO GO.  
23 OR WHERE TO PUT THEM. YOU COULD GET ANSWERS TO THOSE  
24 QUESTIONS. BE AFRAID. BECAUSE THIS IS TRANSPORTATION MONEY  
25 GOING TO BE EARMARKED THAT NEEDS TO BE SPENT AND WILL BE SPENT





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1 ON STUDIES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN PLAY THE SAME HEAD  
2 GAME OVER AND OVER WITH THE PUBLIC AND EXPECT THE SAME  
3 RESULTS. IT'S JUST BAFFLING.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT  
6 US, SO WE'LL DEFER THIS TO THE HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMISSION,  
7 HOW'S THAT? THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, THE GOVERNOR HAD SIGNED  
10 LEGISLATION THAT WE HAD INITIATED AND THAT WAS THE GRADING  
11 SYSTEM FOR CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY  
12 MICHAEL FEUER AND CAMERON SMYTH. AND THAT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW.  
13 SO NOW THE CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS, BEGINNING IN JANUARY OF  
14 2010, WILL HAVE THE FIVE-STAR RATING SYSTEM THAT'S USED BY  
15 MEDICAID. AND THAT WILL TELL THE PUBLIC, AS OUR RESTAURANT  
16 GRADING SYSTEM DOES, HOW THE SERVICE IS FOR MEDICATION, NUMBER  
17 OF SERVICE PERSONNEL TO HELP THEIR PATIENTS, THE CLEANLINESS,  
18 THE QUALITY OF THE FOOD, ET CETERA. SO IT WILL GIVE FAMILIES  
19 AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME WHEN THEY PLACE A LOVED  
20 ONE IN A CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL THE TYPE OF RATING THAT  
21 HOSPITAL HAS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OUTSTANDING. BE VERY HELPFUL, JUST LIKE  
24 WITH THE CHILDCARE OPERATIONS, AS WELL TOO, THAT WE HAVE IN





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1 PLACE. OKAY. AS I UNDERSTAND, WE DO HAVE ONE ITEM CLOSED  
2 SESSION?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
5 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
7 CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF  
8 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK  
9 YOU.

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1                   REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

2                   SPECIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2009

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5   No reportable action was taken on item CS-1. (09-2313)

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7                   REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION OCTOBER 13, 2009

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10   In Open Session, item CS-1 was continued one week to October  
11   20, 2009. (09-2179)   No reportable action was taken on item  
12   CS-2. (09-2356)

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